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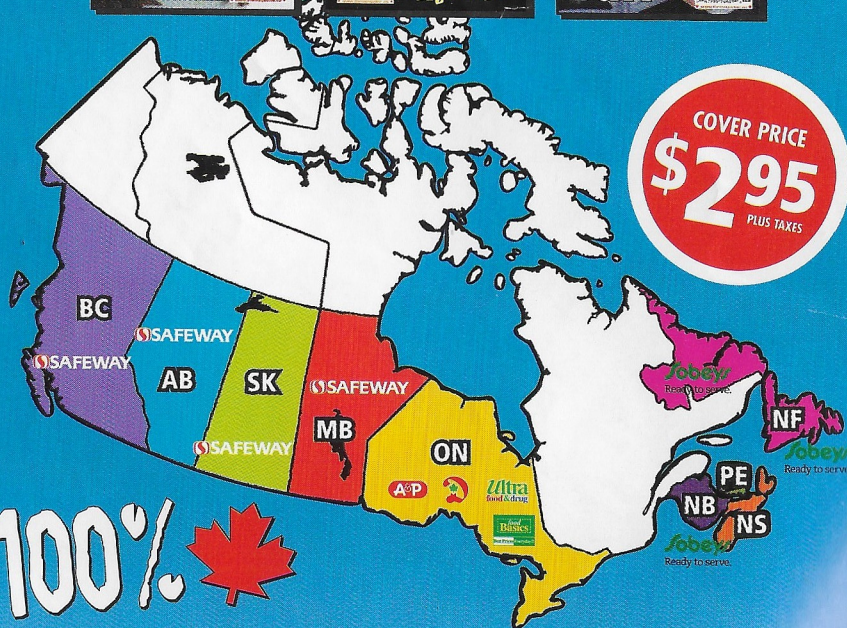
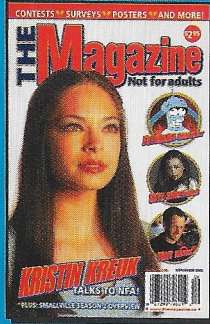
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READER OF THE ISSUE

ALEX CURRIE

Hello! My name is Alex. I'm 13 and I live in Walkerton. I survived the e-coli tragedy. I enjoy camping with my family, hanging out with my friends, listening to music, swimming and basketball (just to name a few). I'm also writing a novel right now and hope to get it published. I have been in grade 9 since September. I'm the youngest one of my classmates because I skipped a grade. I love THE MAG, Avril Lavigne, Michelle Branch, Good Charlotte, Bow Wow and Degraasi. But best of all, I AM CANADIAN!

NFA SAYS: If you'd like to be the next READER OF THE ISSUE, send us a note along with your favourite photo of yourself!

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100% ZELLERS

Just calling to say that I missed the June POP CAN contest and I wanted to answer the question where you asked what company should sponsor or support THE MAG. I think it should be Zellers/HBC because it's 100% Canadian and why not go with a 100% Canadian store?!

Nick from Winnipeg, MB, E-mail

MISSING IN ACTION

Hello MAG peoples! I just want to know where CHEATERS and DOOMSNIIGHT has gone? Where are they? They were in THE MAG before the Halloween issue! Please don't tell me they're gone! And even worse! You switched COMIC BOOK GUY with COMIC BOOK GIRL! Oh no! Please get all these articles back! Cya Later!

David, E-mail

NFA SAYS: DOOMSNIIGHT and CHEATERS will return!

ANIMALS!

We think that you should put more stuff about animals in your magazine. Horses in particular. We really enjoyed the cloned horse in the October issue! That is so cool! Also, thanks for all the amazing SpongeBob stuff!

Sarah, E-mail

DUFFED OUT

I would just like to say that Hilary Duff is probably the most irritating phony ever. In your August edition of THE MAG, you said things like, "She is a good role model," and "She must have the coolest job in the world". She is a sad excuse of a role model. She would have no idea what growing up as a REAL teenager would be like. I also don't see how her job is so great. Sure it's glamorous, but she's spending her life in a studio behind security guards. I'd say the real teenage role models are not the cute little stories in LIZZIE MCGUIRE that could probably have a plot based on a pair of shoes. In conclusion, enough of Miss Duff.

Shawn, E-mail

NFA SAYS: Duck and cover!

BLOOMING DEPP

I'm wondering if you could put more Johnny

Depp in THE MAG. He was in the July issue on PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN but ever since then I have not heard anything about him. There is so much to be said about Depp that hasn't been said.

Sandy, Lower Sackville, NS.



GRRRRRR!!!

ANGRY ABOUT SCARY

I know I E-mail you guys lots and they are positive things but this time it's different. I was reading your October issue and I came to the page, "MISSA'S TOP 10 SCARIEST ARTISTS" and number 8 was AVRIL LAVIGNE!! She's not an angry teen! I saw her in concert she didn't have that whole angry teen act going on! Then KELLY OSBOURNE! Like who cares if she's spoiled! Then you had that Clay guy for number 1 from American Idol. Well, in one of the sentences it said you don't see Ruben eating celery! I think that's really mean to say. I really didn't think that was very nice and you guys had the interview from him from the "HitList" so whoever made this TOP 10 thing up they should of read it over before making it part of THE MAG!! Why would you put Hilary Duff as the number 1 cd of the month!? She doesn't even write her own songs! She should not be qualified because of that. Just me and a few friends opinions anyway. Your Mag rocks!

A MAGAZINE READER, E-mail

NFA SAYS: Missa is a scary critic!

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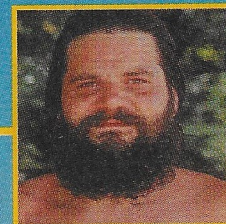
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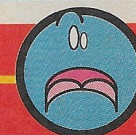
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NEW BLINK-182 ALBUM!



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UNFAIR COMBAT

I just want to say THE SIMPSONS RULE! I love THE MAG! I agree with the girl or boy who wrote about how unfair it was that Michelle Branch lost the COMBAT CORNER just because she is American. Avril Lavigne is so annoying! So please, no more Avril Lavigne!

Lindsay

CRAZY IN LOVE WITH BEYONCÉ

I really think that you should get some more Beyoncé! I mean she just released an album and she has a movie! You make me sad because you have Avril on a cover like 2 times and Beyoncé deserves much, much more.

Teddy

NFA SAYS: Beyoncé has also been on our cover TWO times and she was album of the month in July! We love her too!



NOT ENOUGH BEYONCÉ?!

THANKS ISABEL!

Yay! School was cancelled today because of Hurricane Isabelle! This is how I spent my day off. I got up and played the Sims on Game Cube at my friend's house, which is an awesome game by the way. After that I went home and what was waiting for me but the two MAG NFA back issues that I ordered! They were so great. Finally we rented ANGER MANAGEMENT which is a laugh and a half, hee hee. And that was my Friday without school. Thank you <bows>.THE END

Holly

SPELLING MIZTAKES

Something that REALLY bugs me is when people put something in VOCALS or PHONE TAG and they correct your spelling mistakes. Why does it matter? Why do people care if you make a little spelling mistake? For example, in your September issue someone pointed out that you put LORTR instead of LOTR. Who cares! They obviously know what it means. THANX KEEP UP THE AWESOME WORK!

Ben, NOVA SCOTIA

BLINK AND YOU'LL MISS IT

What a lie! In your August issue it said on the TASTY/NASTY that Blink-182 has a new album out next month. It's almost October and I haven't heard any news of them releasing a new album. Anywho, your magazine rocks, it's the only magazine I buy. Yours and Twist!

Cassy

NFA SAYS: The new BLINK-182 was supposed to come out in September, and then it got bumped back to November.

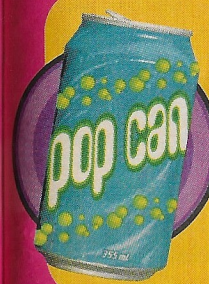
ONLINE SQUAREPANTS

I was sent an issue of your magazine from my friend in Canada. I love it! I wish we had your magazine in the US. I love SpongeBob SquarePants, and I can't wait until my friend sends me your issue called

SPONGEBOB BIKINI BOTTOM BEGINNINGS.

I read that you have a Season One guide and mention a SpongeBob fansite called Sponge Zone. Here are three of the best and most popular SpongeBob fansites on the net that you forgot: SpongeBob Area (www.spongebobarea.com), Sarah's SpongeBob Shrine (clix.to/sbsp) and SpongeBob Online (www.spongebobonline.cjb.net). SpongeBob Area has tons of pictures, guides and news about SpongeBob from around the world. Sarah's Shrine has lyrics in different languages, guides and pictures. SpongeBob Online has actual interviews from writers on the show and the voice cast. Maybe you could tell your readers about those great sites the next time you do a SpongeBob issue. Thank you.

Lewis



CANNED POP

In one POP CAN question, could you put, "Who is the one celebrity you would like to meet"? (no name)

NFA SAYS: Great idea! Flip to page 125 to answer this very question!

MOVIE CORNER SUGGESTION

I am 12 years old and think your magazine is awesome. It is everything a kid or even a teenager could ask for. I like to read, and watch as many movies as I can get. In THE MAGAZINE (August 2003 issue) there was a person talking about how you should have a thing like DVD CORNER except about new theatrical releases, called MOVIE CORNER. I think that is a great idea and you should do it!

Grant Kanigan, Redwood Meadows, AB

NFA SAYS: Thanks for the kind words Grant! More Movies in THE MAG very soon!

RUMOURMILL

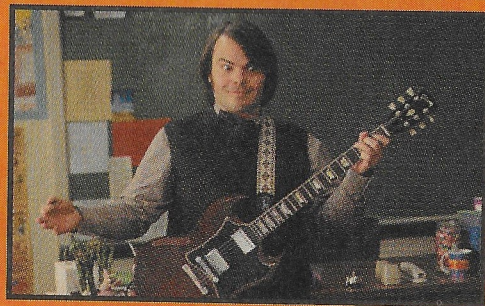
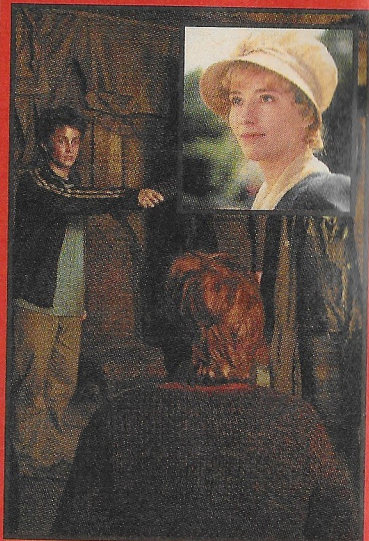
BUFFY'S BACK!?

Our favourite rumour currently doing the rounds is that our favourite vampire slayer Buffy (Sarah Michelle Gellar) will return for a two part episode of ANGEL to air sometime in the new year. ANGEL's fifth season got off to a great start with the arrival of Spike (James Marsters) and the re-introduction of Harmony (Mercedes McNab), and the ratings immediately got a huge boost (SMALLVILLE airing directly before it helped as well). In a recent episode, Spike mentioned that Buffy is "somewhere in Europe", so it will be interesting to see how they bring her into the world of ANGEL. Buffy fans should also note that the complete 5th season of BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER on DVD will be released next month by Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment.



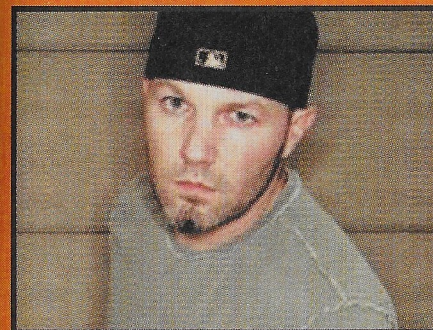
HARRY POTTER UPDATES

Academy Award-winning actress and screenwriter Emma Thompson has teamed up with the cast of "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban." She is said to play Sybill Trelawney, the ethereal and eccentric professor of divination who is renowned at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry for her questionable predictions. Thompson joins an already ensemble cast of British actors on the film, including "Potter" vets Maggie Smith, Robbie Coltrane and Alan Rickman along with newbies Gary Oldman, David Thewlis and Michael Gambon. Emma Thompson was also married to Kenneth Branagh, who played Professor Gilderoy Lockhart in HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS. In other HP movie news, Mike Newell (FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL) has been named as the director for HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE, which will be released in November 2005.



HIGHSCHOOL OF ROCK

Fans of the awesome Jack Black comedy SCHOOL OF ROCK will be glad to know that Paramount has given the greenlight to a sequel, titled HIGH-SCHOOL OF ROCK. Plot details are unknown at the time but we can be assured that Jack Black's antics will not be dissimilar to what we saw in SCHOOL OF ROCK (which ROCKED, by the way).



LIMP BIZKIT SUED BY OWN FANS!

LIMP BIZKIT are the latest band to be sued by their own fans. 172 concert-goers have filed a class action complaint against the band because they left the stage after 17 minutes for what was expected to be a 90-minute performance on the Summer Sanitarium tour on July 26 this year. The fans are claiming \$25 each for the LIMP BIZKIT portion of the ticket price, but if the plaintiffs are successful, all 40,000 concert-goers could be eligible for payment. The suit also alleges that, before leaving the stage, singer Fred Durst let flow a tirade of insults to the crowd and the city of Chicago itself, and challenged members of the audience to a fight.



CALI PANDA

San Diego Zoo's recent and cutest addition is this now 51-day-old panda cub who is STILL unnamed! This male giant panda is only the second to be born in the United States that has lived longer than four days. The panda is said to be "progressing well, as evidenced by his little round belly". Only 1,000 giant pandas are estimated to be left in the world. Let's all cross our fingers this Californian panda grows to be a giant!



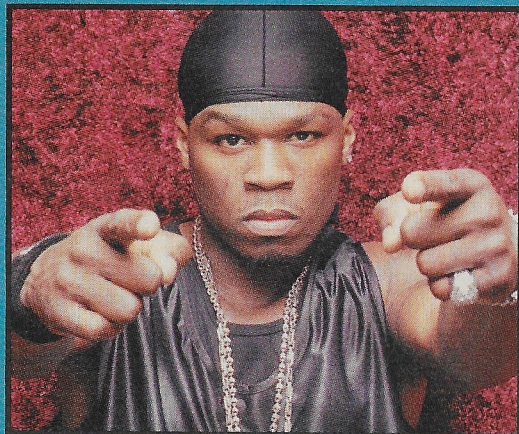
THE REVENGE OF NAPSTER

Former file-sharing giant NAPSTER has relaunched and is now called Napster 2.0. The original Napster once had over 60 million users worldwide, but was forced to close when bands like Metallica, record labels and producers started big legal action for copyright infringements. A judge ordered the site to close until it could remove all illegal files. The new owners hope that the Napster name will give them an advantage in a very crowded market, and in addition they have tied up a deal with Microsoft to be included on its next media upgrade. The Napster website says the service will offer 500,000 songs for download. They will charge 99 cents for single tracks and \$9.95 for albums. Though online music sales account for just 1% of total sales at present, this is expected to grow to 12% within five years (\$1.5 billion dollars a year). Napster, while once the king of all file-sharing networks, must now compete with a host of other applications including iTunes and Kazaa. Crumble Pie could not be reached for a comment.



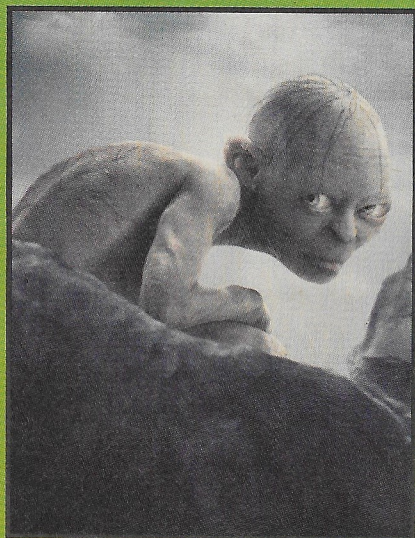
SONY PS LAUNCHES THE NEXT GENERATION - "PSX"

A new game machine was unveiled by Sony Corp 'PSX DESR-7000', the next generation PlayStation and should spark console-head excitement world wide! The display was at the CEATEC JAPAN 2003 technology trade exhibition at Makuhari Messe in Chiba, east of Tokyo October 7, 2003. Sony said that by year-end Sony would be selling the 'PSX' which is an all-in-one game console and entertainment system in Japan.



50 DELAY

50 CENT has announced that there will be a delay in the release of his next solo album. As well as working on his own follow-up to 'Get Rich Or Die Tryin'', the superstar rapper has been working with G-Unit on their album 'Beg for Mercy', which will be released on November 17th. 50 said that this album has delayed plans for his second album, saying "I was gonna release it in the first quarter, but (the record company) asked me to give ('Beg for Mercy') room, you know".



FRODO VS. GOLLUM

Rumour has it that Elijah Wood was "fuming" when he discovered that he wasn't the only cast member to be presented with a replica ring identical to that of the fable's gold band from the sci-fi trilogy. Director Peter Jackson also gave co-star Andy Serkis (Gollum) a ring after essential re-shooting for RETURN OF THE KINGS and according to an unnamed cast member, "Elijah was really, really annoyed 'Fellow Hobbits, Sean Astin and Billy Boyd got to keep their fake feet from all three films.

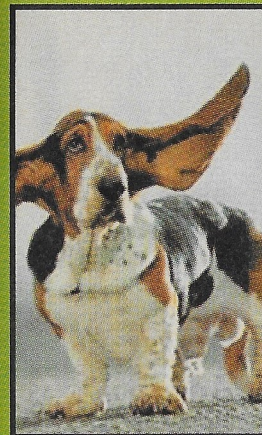
CAN YOU BLEEVIE IT?

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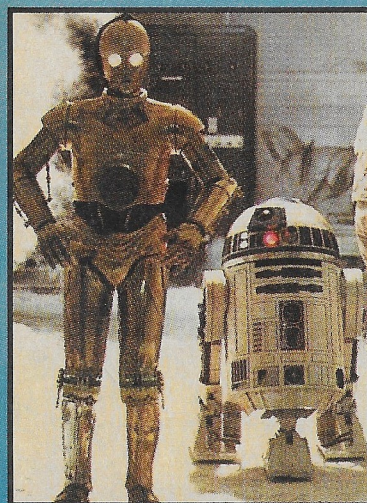
RESCUED BY A ROO

This is a story about a truly amazing roo! A family in Australia have a very unique pet kangaroo, which is blind in one eye and apparently thinks it's a dog. During a storm a man was knocked unconscious by a tree branch. The kangaroo banged on the door of the family's home and led them to the unconscious man who was hit about 150 metres away. Doctors have said that the man would have died had he not been rescued when he was, "The kangaroo alerted them to where he was and had gone and sat down next to him and that's how they found him".



EAR THIS!

Meet Mr. Jeffries. He's a Basset Hound who has won the title of dog with the largest ears in the world! Mr. Jeffries' ears measure 11.5 inches and are insured for \$49,476! This dog, who would typically have his ears dragging all over the ground lives with his owner in Southwick, West Sussex in southern England.



ORIGINAL STAR WARS ON DVD?

As anticipation for the final episode of STAR WARS grows, rumours have been circulating that George Lucas will finally be releasing the original trilogy (A NEW HOPE, THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK, and RETURN OF THE JEDI) on DVD. Apparently, he was very pleased with the way that THE ADVENTURES OF INDIANA JONES DVD box set turned out, and would like to do something similar with his groundbreaking space opera trilogy. However, all signs indicate that the release will *not* contain the original versions of the movies, rather the revised and re-edited versions which were released in the 1990s. Many fans consider these inferior, as they change the flow and ruin several characters (like putting Boba Fett and Jabba in A NEW HOPE!). We can only hope Mr. Lucas will have the sense to put both versions of the movies on the DVDs.

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is the excellent new series focusing on the day-to-day adventures of college bound Peter Parker. THE MAG had a chance to catch-up with the very talented Neil Patrick Harris, who provides the voice of our favourite web-slinging super hero Spider-Man.

What did you think about the SPIDER-MAN movie?

I loved it. I'm a huge Sam Raimi fan, so when I heard he was helming the film, I couldn't wait.

If your SPIDER-MAN fought Tobey McGuire's SPIDER-MAN, who would win?

Well, seeing as Tobey makes about 300 times what I do playing Spidey, he'd be able to hire a better personal trainer.

Do you watch SMALLVILLE?

I do enjoy me some Smallville.

The new animated SPIDER-MAN has been compared to SMALLVILLE because of its "Freak Of The Week" stories. Do you agree or disagree with this?

Hmmm. An accurate comparison, I suppose. If Spider-Man didn't fight a new foe each week, it'd be pretty mundane TV watching. Who wants to watch a 30-minute episode of Peter Parker darning his costume?

What was it like working with James Marsters from BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER?

I recorded that episode in New York, by myself in a small studio. So I never got to meet James. But rumour has it, he's a dream.

What effect will the film SPIDER-MAN II have on the animated series, for example the character of Harry Osbourne?

None. The TV show and the movie are two different entities entirely. The popularity of the movie should, hopefully, garner interest for our show. But each stands on it's own.

Did you collect comics when you were younger?

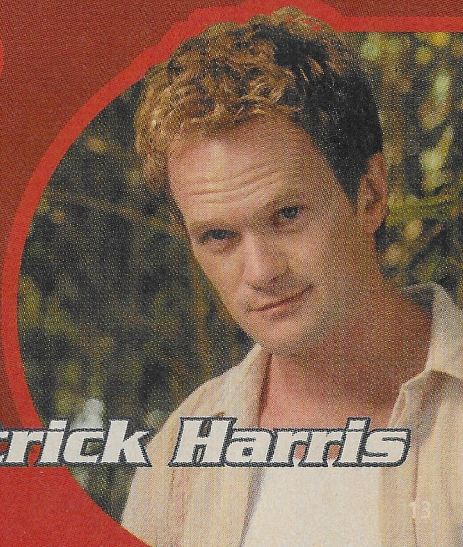
My older brother Chris collected lots of comics. So I got to read his hand-me-downs...

Did you ever watch the old animated SPIDER-MAN show?

Loved it. But you know what I loved even more? The Spider-Man sketches on the TV show The Electric Company! THAT'S classic television - watching Morgan Freeman and Rita Moreno battle some middle-aged man in an ill-fitting spandex costume -- great good times.

What's the biggest difference between doing voice-work, and acting in front of the camera? The pressure level. Voice-over work is very low key.

What was it like working on an episode of THE SIMPSONS? Amazing. The Simpsons is one of the greatest shows in the history of television.



Neil Patrick Harris

You've also done some voice work for the animated JUSTICE LEAGUE series, which is a DC Comics title. Which do you prefer, DC or MARVEL? I'm a Marvel guy. Well, my brother Chris is a Marvel guy. And since I'm his little brother, I tend to do whatever he does.

Who was your favourite superhero growing up? My dad.

Which Marvel superheroes or villains would you like to see in future episodes of the animated SPIDER-MAN? I'd love to see Spidey fight the Sandman. I think our computer animation could make his 'shape-shifting' unbelievable.

What are your Top 5 favourite songs at the moment?

Hmmm. Any Jason Mraz song. Remedy, You and I. Sleep All Day. 0% Interest. Too Much Food. Hell, that dude could sing the Macarena and it would rock...

Neil Patrick Harris, thank you very much!

SELECTED NEIL PATRICK HARRIS FILMOGRAPHY



Undercover Brother (2002)
(as Lance)



Stark Raving Mad (1999, TV)
(as Henry)



Starship Troopers (1997)
(as Col. Carl Jenkins)



The Simpsons (1991, TV) (as himself as Bart in the episode "Bart the Murderer")



Doogie Howser MD (1989, TV)
(as "Doogie Howser")

SPIDER-MAN

THE ANIMATED SERIES

SEASON ONE OVERVIEW

EPISODE 01.

"HEROES AND VILLAINS"

(originally aired: September 1, 2003)

STORY: A mysterious do-gooder named Turbo Jet appears to help out the homeless residents of Villeroy Towers, however Spider-Man soon discovers Turbo Jet is committing crimes to accomplish his good deeds.

TRIVIA: In the United States, this episode aired tenth. When YTV bought the show, they decided to switch around the order so the story made more sense.

EPISODE 02.

"ROYAL SCAM"

(September 12, 2003)

STORY: Spider-Man gets tricked into stealing the TX-1 chip by Kingpin, who plans to use it to steal billions from the world's major banks.

TRIVIA: The voice of Kingpin is provided by Michael Duncan Clarke, who played Kingpin in DAREDEVIL!

EPISODE 03.

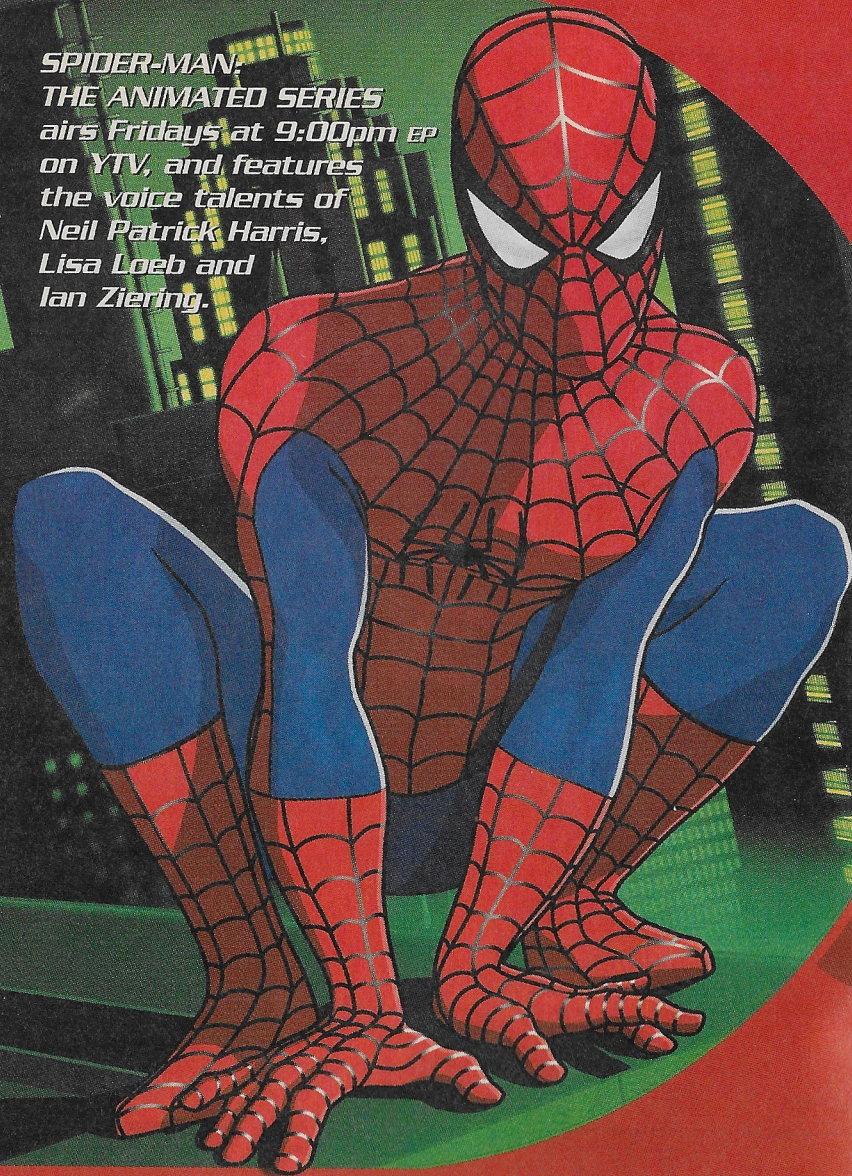
"LAW OF THE JUNGLE"

(September 19, 2003)

STORY: Peter Parker gets a job working for Doctor Connors, who's experiments with reptile DNA transforms him into "the Lizard".

TRIVIA: Rob Zombie provides the voice of Doctor Connors/the Lizard. Rumours persist that the Lizard will have a cameo in SPIDER-MAN 2.

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THE ANIMATED SERIES**
airs Fridays at 9:00pm ET
on YTV, and features
the voice talents of
Neil Patrick Harris,
Lisa Loeb and
Ian Ziering.



**EPISODE 04.
"SWORD OF THE SHIKATA"**

(September 26, 2003)

STORY: A rich collector of rare animals decides he wants to add Spider-Man to his collection, so he sends the deadly Shikata after him.

TRIVIA: Gina Gershon provided the voice of Shikata.

**EPISODE 05.
"KEEPING SECRETS"**

(October 3, 2003)

STORY: Peter Parker is put in an awkward situation when he discovers that Harry's new girlfriend Cheyenne Tate moonlights as master thief "the Talon".

TRIVIA: Rapper Eve provides the voice of The Talon/Cheyenne.

**EPISODE 06.
"THE PARTY"**

(October 10, 2003)

STORY: Peter's old friend Max Dillon is rejected from a fraternity, causing him to run out into a storm, get hit by lightning, and transform into Electro!

TRIVIA: When the new animated SPIDER-MAN series aired in the United States, this episode was broadcast first.

**EPISODE 07.
"TIGHT SQUEEZE"**

(October 17, 2003)

STORY: Peter Parker is taken hostage by a high-tech group of criminals called Pterodax, who threaten to kill everyone if Spider-Man doesn't appear within two hours!

TRIVIA: First appearance of James Marsters (Spike from *BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER*), who provides the voice of Sergei.

**EPISODE 08.
"HEAD OVER HEELS"**

(October 24, 2003)

STORY: Peter gets paired up with a weird girl named Christina, who is obsessed with Spider-Man. She has also invented a mind reading device, and soon she reveals that she will be with Spider-Man no matter what!

**EPISODE 09.
"WHEN SPARKS FLY"**

(October 31, 2003)

STORY: Electro returns in an attempt to transform the girl of his dreams Sally into a being like himself.

TRIVIA: One of the posters in Sally's dorm room is for a band called 'The Mainframe Boys'. Mainframe is the company that does the animation for the show.

**EPISODE 10.
"SPIDER-MAN DIS-ABLED"**

(November 7, 2003)

STORY: Spider-Man saves the mayor from an attempted assassination, and soon gets caught up in the complicated world of the assassin, Silver Sable.

TRIVIA: The original title for this episode was "Shutterbuggery".

**EPISODE 11.
"FLASH MEMORY"**

(November 14, 2003)

STORY: Peter Parker's high school foe Flash Thompson becomes super-intelligent, and Spider-Man is concerned when he meets two similarly intelligent thugs.

**EPISODE 12.
"MIND GAMES (1)"**

(November 21, 2003)

STORY: Spider-Man must contend with a multitude of villains as Pterodax, Kraven, and Sable all escape prison and go after him. Peter reveals his secret to MJ... moments before she is killed by Kraven!

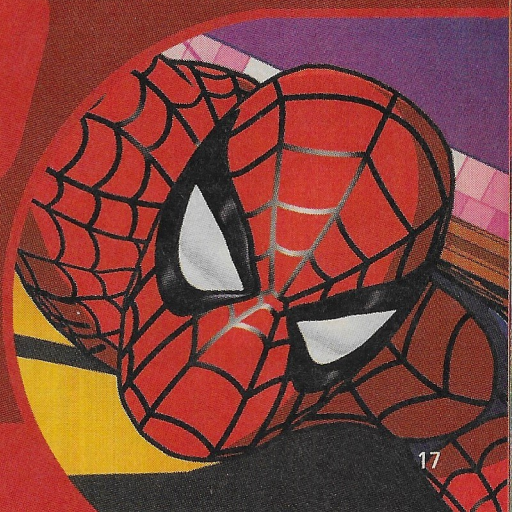
TRIVIA: Stan Lee, creator of SPIDER-MAN, appears as Stan Lee!

**EPISODE 13.
"MIND GAMES (2)"**

(November 28, 2003)

STORY: Peter realizes that Roxanne and Roland Gaines are playing a mind game on him, getting him to go after their enemy Kraven. He manages to save MJ, but accidentally knocks a friend off a roof. Upset at what has happened, Peter takes off his Spider-Man costume and throws it into the ocean. To be continued?

TRIVIA: The episode makes reference to events in the Spider-Man game (his first encounter with Kraven). The ending suggests that this could be the final episode of the series... EVER!





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KESHIA CHANTÉ

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First of all, share some things about your upbringing and musical training?

Actually, musical training I just started recently. I recorded "Unpredictable" and "Shook" without any singing training. The only training I ever got for my voice was being onstage. I grew up in Ottawa and I was born in Riverside on June 16th. My upbringing was pretty quiet because we have a lot of people where I live

but it's not as big as Toronto. So coming here is pretty different for me.

Are you parents musical as well?

Very. My Mom was a singer when she was younger in Portugal, and my grandfather is a songwriter and he still is and he gets a lot of awards in Portugal for writing poetry.

Is Chanté your real last name?

Oh no, it's Chanté Harper. Chanté is my middle name.

What artists have influenced your personal style?

You know what I don't think anybody has influenced me -- as an artist, it would probably be Tupac Shakur, but influencing me as a

style, nobody really. It's just what I like, more of an urban feel and as long as it matches, I'm happy.

What artists did you grow up listening to?

A lot of my Mom's old school... Like Stevie Wonder, The Temptations and all of those people.

When did you decide that you would pursue a career in music?

I decided probably when I did my first show when I was six years old. It all started because I was in the back of my Mom's car and I wasn't allowed to listen to rap music when I was younger so, she decided to play Tupac Shakur, but because there were some of his songs with bad messages, she only let me listen to the positive ones and I listened to the track "Dear Mama" about three times and I was in the back, and her girlfriend came in and she turned down the volume in the car and she said to my Mom, "Listen to her, she knows all the words! How many times has she heard this?" and my Mom's like, "Oh she's only heard it three times blah blah blah blah" and her friend, Lorna was like "Ok, well could she do a Black History Month show in February at Carlton University?". So I decided to do "Dear Mama" and when I first went on I wasn't scared or anything like that, I got a standing ovation so at that point I was doing something I loved to do plus I was getting people appreciating me for doing it, so I figured you know, if that's what I wanna do then that's what I'm gonna do. And maybe not exactly what you're thinking about when you're six but that's what I wanted to do. From then on I kept rapping and the only time I stopped rapping was when Tupac Shakur passed away and that's when I got into singing.

What steps did you take to make it to your record deal?

I did a lot of shows in Ottawa, because it was such a small town. I'd just do it. Just because people tell you that you have a nice voice, it doesn't mean you can actually become a singer so it was kinda pushing me down and I didn't think I was actually gonna become one. What happened was, I did a lot of shows, like school shows and plays. I did a lot of acting and they all got tape-recorded cause my Mom's like my biggest fan, and she brought



it to the same girl that brought me to the Black History Month, Lorna, and she brought it to Trevor Mason, who's a promoter in Ottawa. He heard it and he loved it, and he decided to bring it over to Ivan Berry, head of International here at BMG. He called me on the phone, we talked, I sang for him, then I met him, and it just went like that. I went to the studio with the writer of "Unpredictable", I knocked it out and it was like, "Ok, let's sign you!"

Have you performed in tal-

ent shows before you were signed to your deal?

Oh yes, a lot of them! I did ones at school, ones in the community. I was just trying to get out there as much as I could.

Would you have auditioned for Canadian Idol?

First of all, I think I would actually be too young to actually get in to it, but I don't think I would have.

What did your friends think of your singing ambitions?

They would say like, "well it's Ottawa and it doesn't seem like many people come out of Ottawa", so for them it was like, "Oh yeah, you're a good singer! You could be a singer when you get older blah blah blah" but as soon as I actually got the deal, and my tracks and the video was playing, that's when they were like "You know, we're really proud of you because you've gotten so far."

Have you lost any friends due to jealousy?

Um... um... I wouldn't necessarily say I lost friends. If I lost friends due to jealousy, they weren't really friends in the first place. I always knew who my best friends were, and I'm still best friends with them and that will never change, but I have been through people who used to talk to me a lot and don't talk to me anymore, or people that didn't talk to me at all and talk to me now. I'm kind of going through the ups and downs, and I'm able to see through that.

Being a teen artist, what difficulties do you experience that are different than those of older musicians?

I wouldn't say there are any difficulties, I would say it would be a lot easier being younger because you have a lot of people watching out for you and making sure you're okay. Difficulties... I find people are nicer to me just because I'm younger, and I personally enjoy being criticized because any criticism to me is constructive. I'm a perfectionist and I'm all about being analytical, and if people are saying to me, "Oh she did bad in this show blah blah", I take that and I work harder. It just makes me stronger, right? So people, I haven't really gone through anybody criticizing what I've done and I wish they would sometimes.

Do you find that people don't take you seriously because you're young?

Not really, people at BMG, UOMO crew, they take me pretty seriously. I don't have anybody thinking less of me because I'm younger or anything like that.

If you could travel back in time, what era or time period would you go back to?

Probably when I was six years old and Tupac was still around. I loved when Tupac was still around cause I could watch his interviews and shows and all that.

Skipping ahead to the future, where do you see yourself in five years?



Well, I hope to see myself still doing albums, still doing music, still being a singer basically. I'd like to get into acting, fashion design, all that. That should be real interesting.

Do you plan to attend University?

Oh yeah, for sure. That'd be very interesting for me too.

Are you having tutoring on the road right now?

Oh no, I'm still going back to school and after school I'm going to do tutoring, probably next year. Whenever

things get really busy.

How would you define success?

Success is when anyone appreciates you for your music and for your personality. When you can write your lyrics and when you can produce your music, that's successful for me.

Who's been the most influential person in your life?

My Mom.

Thanks for your time Keshia!

Thank you!



SCREAMGAL'S WORLD OF MYSTERY

BY KATHY MURRAY

THE DEVIL WENT DOWN TO JERSEY

The legend had been around since the 1700's but no one believed it until one cold night in January 1909. Officer James Sackville was on patrol in the early morning hours in Bristol, Pennsylvania. He was crossing a bridge when he came across a hideous creature - one with short front legs and long slender, hooved back legs, with claws, wings, two feet on each side, and a beastly face, almost like that of a horse. The being took one look at the officer, let out a shrill cry and flew up off the ground.

OTHER WITNESSES

Officer Sackville chased after the beast and tried to shoot it, but the creature was too fast for him. Later that night the local postmaster reported seeing something strange flying in the air. "It was glowing like a firefly", he said. "I also heard an eerie mournful call, almost supernatural." And a Mr. Nelson Evans was awakened by a continuous loud noise outside his bedroom window. Along with his wife, he peeked out and nearly fell down from fright as they watched the beast dancing on the roof of

their garden shed. Nelson later told newsmen that "My wife and I were scared, but I managed to open the window and say 'Shoo!' and it turned around, barked at me, and flew away." He also claimed that the beast didn't use its front paws at all, and that they watched it "dance" for ten straight minutes.

DEVIL OF A NEWS STORY

Once dawn came, residents of Bristol and other nearby towns (including some in New Jersey), reported strange hoof-prints all over the area. Most led nowhere and some were even found on rooftops. One of the people who talked about the prints was a Trenton city councilman. He apparently heard a strange hissing noise at his front door and when he opened it he noticed the cloven hoof-prints. Many policemen filed reports of having shot at the being and farmers and pet owners across the area awoke to find their animals mutilated. The press was having a field day with the story. One reporter claimed that the "Devil" sightings were figments of the imagination

of "complete idiots". And the Philadelphia Zoo jokingly offered a ten thousand dollar reward for its capture. But as usual, when money is offered, someone somewhere will come up with a wacky get-rich scheme. That's just what Jacob Hope and Norman Jefferies did. They came across a kangaroo, painted stripes on it and attached wings and claws to it. As you can probably guess, they didn't get the reward money.

A BEASTLY NAME

The creature that was wreaking havoc on the east coast of the United States was at first known by many names such as "Jabberwock", "cowbird" and "flying death". But eventually the public settled on the name "Jersey Devil". But there wouldn't be much talk about the Jersey Devil for about another forty years. That's because the sightings became much less frequent. But who can keep a monster down? The big guy was set to make a smashingly scary return.

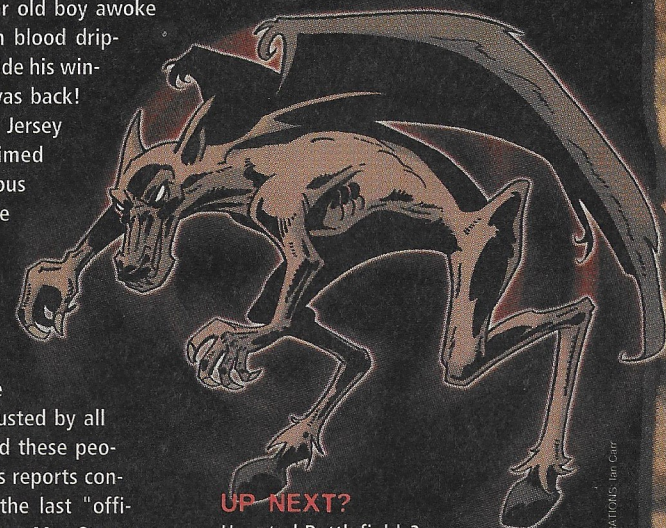
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Come 1951, "The Philadelphia Record" reported that a ten year old boy awoke to see a creature "with blood dripping from its face" outside his window. The Jersey Devil was back! Many residents of New Jersey and Pennsylvania claimed that they heard hideous screams coming from the surrounding woods. Some civilians took to the forest with rifles and axes with the hopes of killing the Devil. Police, who by the way were beyond exhausted by all the "sightings", arrested these people on sight. Eye witness reports continued to pour in, but the last "official" report was by a Mr. Steven

Silkotch in 1966. His entire shed of poultry had been killed as had his two healthy German Shepherds. Both the chickens and the dogs were mutilated almost beyond recognition. The reason why this was the last "official" report was because both the police and the press had had enough of the madness. From then on they've been trying their best to ignore those who claim to have had a run in with the now nationally known Jersey Devil.

THE JERSEY DEVIL LIVES ON

Whether the authorities believe it or not, many civilians do - The Jersey Devil is still out there. There are still sightings to this day. How many remains to be seen, but some believe that it's just a matter of time before The Devil makes his presence known in a big way. There were thousands of sightings in 1909 alone. Perhaps he'll decide to celebrate the 100th anniversary with a rampage. We can only hope NOT. But hey, a creature that passes his time dancing on sheds is liable to do anything...



UP NEXT?

Haunted Battlefields?
The Bermuda Triangle? You'll see...



SCREAMGIRL'S Word of Mystery

SOONER THAN WE THINK

The British government's Near Earth Asteroid Research Program has some interesting - and frightening - news to share. It appears that a giant asteroid is heading for Earth and it will hit (roughly) around March 21, 2014! A spokesman for the British government warned BBC radio that on impact, the asteroid (known as "Asteroid 2003 QQ47") could have the effect of 20 million Hiroshima atomic bombs. An asteroid is a small celestial body composed of rock and metal which generally moves around Mars and Jupiter. They are thought to be left over from the formation of the solar system almost five billion years ago. Occasionally they can be nudged by the gravitational influence of larger planets (think Jupiter), thus causing them to hurtle towards Earth. Professionals will continue to monitor the asteroid for the next few months. So mark the date on your calendar. I'm afraid it's doubtful that Bruce Willis and Ben Affleck will be able to save us this time.



FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE

It appears that singer Aaliyah's mother Diane Haughton has been in contact with celeb psychic John Edward. Last February, Haughton met with and asked Edward to contact her daughter from her final resting place. Edward concentrated for a while and his reply was "I need to make sure that you know that she's okay, and she's making me feel like it's really important that you know she appreciates everything you tried to do and that you continue to do."

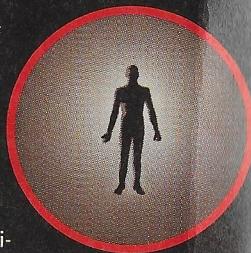
Edward also happened to mention that the still-popular singer was "telling him" that her mother had a secret unreleased CD recorded by Aaliyah sometime before her death. Haughton then claimed "I have a CD that only I have." Aaliyah was killed in a tragic plane crash in August 2001.



PHOTO: Albert Watson

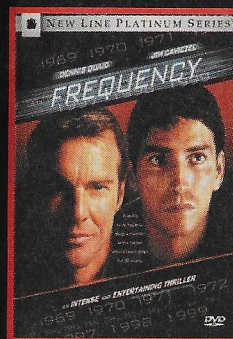
NOT QUITE YOUR TIME

Is it possible to "step outside" of your body while on the brink of death? That's exactly what a team of researchers are setting out to determine. The scientists in charge are planning to work with hospitals throughout Britain this year with the hopes that they will come across at least a hundred NDE (Near Death Experience) cases. People who say they've had a NDE typically state that they seemed to "float" out of their bodies and hover near the ceiling, while watching physicians do their best to resuscitate them. The team studying this, plan on asking the hospitals to place special objects and pictures around their cardiac units so that those who later claim to have had a NDE can be asked if they saw anything of interest. If they don't mention those objects and pictures, then the scientists will most likely come to the conclusion that NDE's are a figment of an overstressed imagination.



E.T. CALLING

Whether you believe in aliens or not, you should know that there are people out there that actually believe they've at one point been abducted. Such is the case of Mary Carter from England. A few years ago, Ms. Carter stepped outside her home to investigate a series of flashing lights that covered the evening sky. She determined they were coming from a low flying aircraft and two minutes later she reentered her house. Only when she looked at the clock did she realize that she had actually been away from her house for almost a full hour. Where had the time gone? The mystery had been on her mind for years when she finally decided to go to a hypnotist. Ms. Carter hoped there was a rational explanation for the incident, but she was left even more confused and scared after the sessions ended. While under hypnosis, Mary talked of short "people" dressed in silver, with large slit-eyed eyes. She claimed that she was on her doorstep and suddenly became paralyzed. A beam of light took over her and she then found herself lying on a cold metal table. Wires were attached to her head, blood was taken from behind her ear and her palm print was recorded. Even more shocking was when Mary, still under hypnosis, went on to say that this had been going on since she was an infant. According to her, she had "visits" from these beings almost every four years. Upon "waking up", Mary relearned from the hypnotist what she had just said and went into a panic, choosing not to believe her own words. All she had wanted was closure, but after learning of her situation, closure appears to be a far away dream. After all, how do you get over something like that? But did all this happen, or was it just a figment of her imagination? We probably will never know if aliens even exist, let alone abduct people. At least not in our lifetime. Thousands of people around the world firmly believe that they were abducted at one point in their life.



SUPERNATURAL MOVIE OF THE MONTH FREQUENCY (2000)

This one might not necessarily strike you as being a creepy movie. There are no ghosts, monsters or aliens. But FREQUENCY is somewhat of a supernatural tale because it has to do with the course of time and fate. I believe that every little breath we take, every single thing we do or don't do can change the course of our future. Whether you too believe that or not, this is still an interesting watch. Dennis Quaid plays Frank Sullivan, a fireman who died in a burning building. Thirty years later, his son John comes across his father's old HAM radio. John sets it up and begins to talk to a stranger on it who just so happens to live in the same city. As they

talk longer, they realize that they live in the same neighborhood, in the exact same house... That's because a rare atmospheric occurrence is allowing John to talk to his dead father, who is still living his life - thirty years ago. John warns his father of his impending demise, but since Frank knows and can avoid the problem, he throws off fate's course. Because of that, Frank and John become responsible for a series of deadly events. Can they make right the wrongs they've committed? Sounds a bit confusing, but it's a good watch. Give it a rent.

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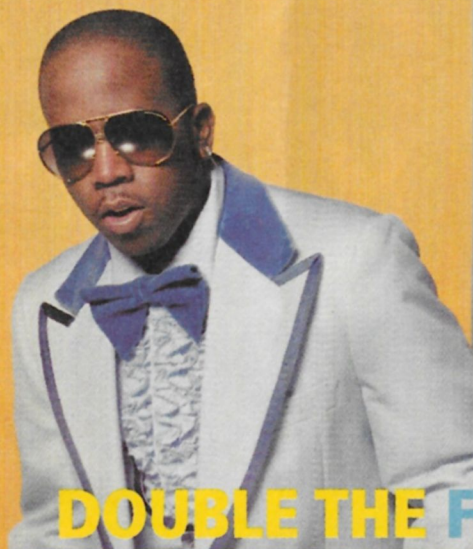
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The boys split and release two-in-one discs showcasing their solo abilities, the former by Big Boi and the latter by André. Just when you thought André couldn't get any more eccentric he gives you THE LOVE BELOW. The song "Behold a Lady" suggests "3000 is always changing/But you stay the same". During most of his effort he turns in his MCing skills and serenades us with love songs ("Happy Valentine's Day") and even takes the listener into his past love life and speaks of his relationship with Erykah

Badu on, "A Life in the Day of Benjamin Andre (Incomplete)". "A Life in the Day..." is a lush finish and you finally get to hear Dre rap for the entire song which is greatly missed on the album. Unlike Big Boi, Dre keeps the collaborations minimal, only once singing alongside Norah Jones on "Take Off Your Cool". One of the biggest highlights of Big Boi's half is when his son Bamboo takes the mic and sings "The Whole World", possibly the highlight of the whole album. OutKast have always gone against the downward spiral hip-hop has been in for the past few years, choosing to sing rather than bling. SPEAKERBOXXX/THE LOVE BELOW is a psychedelic, exploratory, and totally incredible!



OUTKAST'S BIG 2



PLAYER'S BALL

Released in the spring of 1994 SOUTHERNPLAYALISTICADILLACMUZIK (try saying that five times fast...or even once) was a refreshing dose of southern fried hip-hop in an era that was dominated by gangsta rap. "Player's Ball", the album's most recognizable single hit high with Outkast followers and helped recruit a few new ones.



MS. JACKSON

Off of their 2000 release STANKONIA, Ms. Jackson became the anthem of the year. Andre's cry "Sorry Ms. Jackson (Oooh) I am for real" was permanently stuck in our head, whether we liked it or not.

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Eminem's

"Stan" was the song that put Dido on the North American map. Following her multi-million dollar NO ANGEL, her new album LIFE FOR RENT is up for sale. It can be described with two words, pure and good. Unlike NO ANGEL, Dido's look at life has taken a shady turn. This darkened Dido is the result of a public breakup with her longtime fiancé ("White Flag"). Dido takes her audience through that difficult year, holding nothing back and fortunately finds light at the end of the tunnel ("Sand in My Shoes"). NFA has hope that this will be a better year for Dido...very possibly another multi-million album!

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CLAY AIKEN
MEASURE
OF A MAN
RCA/BMG

Say "Cheese!" No, you're not smiling for the camera! You're about to witness the cheesiest album of the year, MEASURE OF A MAN from American Idol's silver medalist, Clay Aiken. The 12 track heart break theme debut wears thin during 0.01 seconds into the album. The album is a collection of fluffy lyrics over top of what sounds like elevator music, all of them sounding exactly the same. How could Clive Davis put his credible name on the line for this cookie-cutter! Now FROM CLAY TO RUBEN doesn't sound like such a bad idea.

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DAVE MATTHEWS
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SOME DEVIL

is Dave Matthews' first solo project without his crew, the Dave Matthews Band, backing him. A sad and sometimes desperate Dave is revealed, definitely not the happy-go-lucky Dave fans are used to hearing when he's accompanied by the DMB. Although the mood has made a complete u-turn it is as good as a Dave Matthews' Band album. Enjoyable tracks include: "Gravedigger", "Up and Away" and "Too High".

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ROBBIE WILLIAMS
LIVE SUMMER
2003
CHRYSALIS/EMI

On August 1st, 2nd and 3rd of this year, Robbie entertained 375,000 music lovers at the 2003 Knebworth Festival. The set includes the starter "Let me Entertain You", some oldies and the majority of the bunch being new songs from his latest album, ESCAPOLOGY. Robbie's voice is in top form and his energy beams through your stereo speakers. Makes you wish you were there. This is a perfect listen for Robbie fans or anyone who enjoys UK pop/rock.

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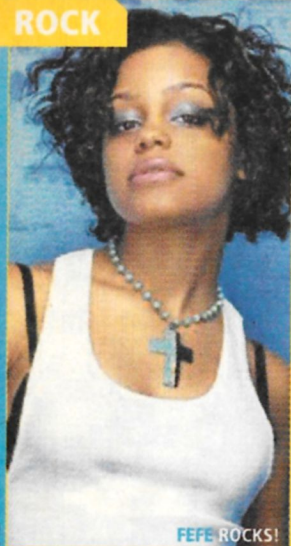
THE THRILLS
SO MUCH
FOR THE CITY
VIRGIN/EMI

Don't be fooled by the "The" name, The Thrills are far from the garage/rock bands that are clogging up the scene at the moment. SO MUCH FOR THE CITY was released in the UK and Europe this past June and received a stellar response. Especially in their homeland of Ireland where the band has watched their debut go 3x platinum! The debut has many standout tracks, "Santa Cruz (You're Not That Far)" and "Big Sur". You might catch yourself forgetting what era you're in when listening to the album, which is refreshing. A job well done me Irish lads!

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FEFE DOBSON
FEFE DOBSON
DEF JAM/
ISLAND RECORDS/
UNIVERSAL

Toronto girl Fefe Dobson, could've been in the spotlight pre-Avril (at 15 years-old), but decided to wait until she was more comfortable with herself musically before signing to Def Jam/Island Records in the States. It was definitely worth the wait, for us. This album rocks! Fefe manages to morph all of her influences, from Michael Jackson to Nirvana producing one truly original piece of work. Proving that having complete control creatively is a good thing. From the hugely successful first single, "Bye Bye Boyfriend," to the sure to be favourite, "Take Me Away". Fefe shows you that she's in control and ready for whatever comes her way.

IF YOU LIKE THIS, TRY:
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JIVE/BMG



IRON MAIDEN
DANCE OF DEATH
EMI

DANCE OF DEATH is Iron Maiden's 13th studio album! Like their last album **BRAVE NEW WORLD**, Iron Maiden are continuing to find ways to reinvent themselves. The first single, "Wildest Dreams" doesn't give the album any justice, but "Dance of Death", "Journeyman" and "New Frontier" make the album worth buying! **DANCE OF DEATH** is a triumphant return from these heavy metal pioneers!

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limpbizkit
RESULTS
MAY VARY
INTERSCOPE/
UNIVERSAL

Just when you thought rap-metal was over, limpbizkit are bizzack! This time minus bassist Wes Borland, but that's old news. They should create as much hype as they can for this album, it needs all the attention it can muster. As the title suggests, opinions on this album have been mixed. Some die hard fans say it's just as good as **THREE DOLLAR BILL**, Y'ALL, while others hang their heads in shame. **RESULTS MAY VARY?** It would seem they do. At least limpbizkit got that much right!

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UNDERGROUND FUNK



ERYKAH BADU
WORLDWIDE
UNDERGROUND
MOTOWN

Erykah picks up '70s funk and soul on this new project but stays true to her R&B and hip-hop roots. On **WORLDWIDE UNDERGROUND** you witness first hand the skillful writing and angelic vocals of a pioneer at work. As always there are many lessons of love and empowerment, this is why we love Erykah so much, right? Badu refurbishes last year's "Love Of My Life" saluting the all-female old-school trio Sequence, with a little help from Queen Latifah, Angie Stone and Bahamadia. A stand out track indeed! The brilliant first single, "Danger" finds Badu teasing the listener with an animated-like voice,

"Danger! You're in daaaanger!" over one of the few hard hitting beats found on the album. Prepare yourself to be embraced by a melodic sea of poetic grooves that will breathe for centuries to come.

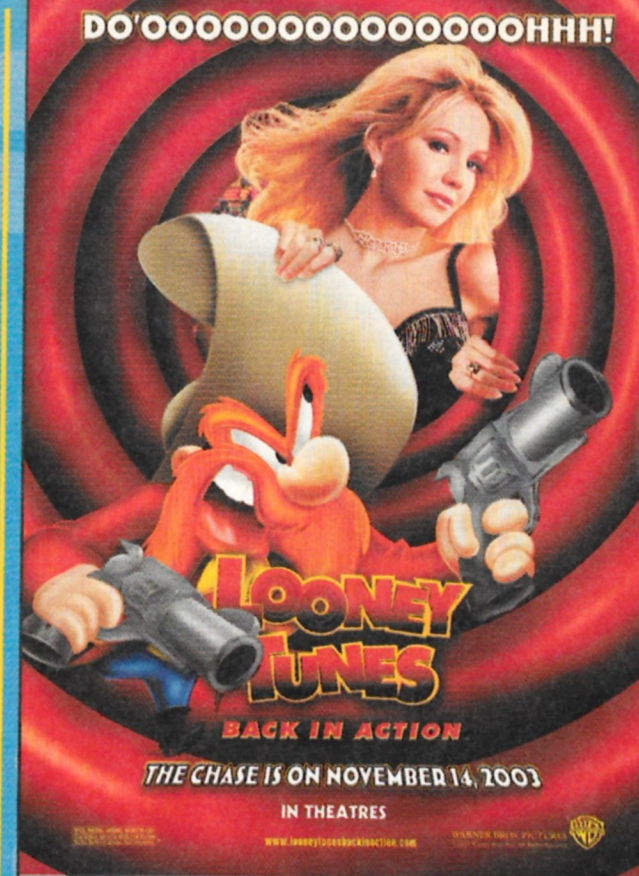
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"Obie Trice real name no gimmicks." You've most recently heard him on Eminem's, "Without Me" and other tracks by your favourite SHADY/AFTERMATH artists. Here's your chance to hear him on his debut album, **CHEERS**. As expected with all the SHADY/AFTERMATH proteges, Obie's first album is a Dr. Dre and Eminem creation. The two lay down the beats, Em provides a few verses, and a few big name rappers lend their skills (50 Cent, Busta Rhymes). But can you call it an Obie Trice record? It's difficult to say seeing as how Obie is backed by the "dynamic duo". The only tag team in Hip-Hop that can make any regular Joe MC sound good. However, that Joe must have skill and Obie Trice does. He has all the key qualities a talented lyricist must have. Humour ("Got Some Teeth"), expressive vocals ("Never Forget Ya") and courage to say whatever's on his mind ("Shhh Hits the Fan"). Overall **CHEERS** is a good debut for what it is. Meaning, if you're a Dr. Dre and Eminem fan you will



most likely enjoy the album.

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Returning to her roots the "Queen of Hip-Hop Soul" reunites with the producer who made her name known. Producing her two albums now inscribed as landmarks, 1992 debut **WHAT'S THE 411?**

And the second classic **MY LIFE**, Sean "P.Diddy" Combs returns on **LOVE & LIFE**. The chemistry between the two is more than apparent on the entire album. Mary's vocal intensity ("When We") over Diddy's beats ("Ooh!") takes you back to when Mary first hit the scene... this is a **GREAT** thing! As always Mary writes songs that so many young girls and woman can relate to ("Not Today" featuring Eve, "Friends" and "It's A Wrap"). All hail the queen!

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RYAN MALCOLM

CANADIAN IDOL

On September 16, 2003 more than 3.6 millions viewers tuned in

to watch the announcement of the first-ever Canadian Idol.

America's Idol Ruben Studdard was even on-hand to intensify the celebration!

In the end, the nation chose Kingston's own Ryan Malcolm!

First of all, congratulations! How has your life changed since the show began?

Basically there's just a whole lot more opportunities now before me, a lot of good things are happening musically for me and I'm getting to do what I've always wanted to do. To be a recording artist and live the life, and I'm having a blast!

Have you performed in any other talent shows before Canadian Idol?

Well, I did "Homegrown Café" which is in Ottawa. I did a YTV contest when I was a kid as well.

Where were you when you first heard that Canada would be having its own Idol competition?

Um... I was sitting on my couch watching my 13" TV.

What were your initial thoughts?

My initial thoughts were "uh ok, ya know whatever" and then some friends of mine said, "No you should go for it, you never know" and sure enough, I went for it and the rest is history.

How did it feel when you performed in front of the celebrity judges for the first time?

Oh I was nervous, extremely nervous. I was sick to my stomach all morning. I auditioned in Ottawa but I went to Toronto to do more rounds of auditioning obviously.

What did your friends think of your singing

ambitions?

My friends were supportive, they loved coming down and seeing me sing at the shows I did downtown. They've always been supportive, saying "You know, one day you're going to make it."

Would you be able to share a bit about your upbringing and musical training with me?

Sure! Basically I started singing at the age of 10 and my father, John, taught me the techniques of singing and just of entertaining and performing. As a child, I was always an entertainer, you know always wanted to be the centre of attention kinda guy. I was that little annoying kid that ran around the house whenever they had company, that was me.

You performed in a band with your Dad and brother, what songs did you perform?

It was like '50s and '60s. A lot of Everly Brothers and the Beatles and Elvis and Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett. We have over 3000 songs in our repertoire.

Your choice of songs in the competition reflected that. For sure, totally.

Do you play an instrument? I play guitar.

Do you plan to play on the record at all?

Um... probably not on the record. I'm going to write some of the stuff on the record though.

What artists have influenced your personal style?

I'd say artists like Coldplay, Dave Matthews, Billy Joel. A lot of different bands. I take from a lot of different aspects of music.

How would you describe the style that you plan to put forth on your debut album?

You know what, the best way I can compare it would be like an Avril Lavigne sort of album, where it's got rock and pop and love ballads. That's what I do. I do a lot of different types of music so it's really gonna reflect that on the album.

I hear that you own the Neil Diamond Greatest Hits CD.

What is your favourite Neil Diamond song?

[laughs] Yeah! Wow, there are so many good ones. Let's see. I like "Cherry Baby". "Sweet Caroline" is obviously a good one, but I think... There's so many, but yeah "Cherry Baby" is a good one. You know, he actually wrote that for The Monkees. Did you know that?

He wrote a lot of songs that people don't even realize.

Like, "I'm a Believer" was written by Neil Diamond.

Young people often encounter challenges during their teen years. What obstacles did you overcome that have shaped you into who are you today?

You know just being able to



be myself in high school, cause I mean high school can be a really nasty place especially for kids. Well, obviously for kids. You don't see a whole lot of 40-year-olds in high school, however there were a few when I was there. You know, I think it's important to be yourself and what I found out is that your real friends will like you no matter what. You know, I thought it was important to be popular and all that crap, but I found out that it wasn't important at all because if you are yourself then people will like you more and they'll stay with you. Like, I have friends today that I went to high school with and it's great! I think that was one of the obstacles. Another one would be peer pressure for sure, you know that was a big one.

Was that a hard thing that you dealt with?

No, actually, cause you know what, I've always been strong. I'm not a follower. I'm not a leader either, well, yeah I am but whatever. (laughs) I hate taking orders. But that was another thing that I'm sure kids will encounter in high school. Don't smoke, don't do drugs, don't drink or any of that stuff. [It's not good]

Who was your favourite high school teacher?

Favourite high school teacher would have to be, and you know what, she wasn't even my high school teacher, would have to be Miss Pinkerton. She was just so bubbly and fun and always happy. She just

shined. I was on the volleyball team in high school and we would play volleyball for three hours a day in my last year. All I had was phys. ed. I came back just so I could be on the team.

Which song of someone else's best describes your life right now?

Which song of someone else's? That's a good question. It's about time somebody's asking me good questions, you would be surprised at the questions I get asked.

Probably the same questions over and over?

Well and they have no imagination at all.

You're gonna like this interview then.

Oh for sure!

I like creative questions.

That's good! Let's see, give me a second here. There's so many. Hmm. Wow I don't know, I'm thinking of about fifty songs right now. I'm sitting in this room called the "Elvis Room" and there's like four Elvis busts in here. It's hurting me. My eyes are bleeding. I think there's a Billy Joel song called "Movin' Out" which is one that I did on the show that's really good because I am moving out. I moved out of my house, but that's more literal. I think, you know what, I think that's a good question and the reason that I can't really put an answer on that is because my single does totally describe what's happening right now. Like, you know, I didn't write the

song so technically it's not my song. [laughs]

If you could switch places with anyone in the world for one day, who would you choose and why? I would choose... oh yes! Steve Irwin, definitely Steve Irwin [From "The Crocodile Hunter"]! He's amazing, he's awesome! I love Australia and I love animals.

Maybe you could guest on the show sometime? That would be cool! They're doing an AUSTRALIAN IDOL, they're almost done.

Is there anything that you are deathly afraid of? Spiders, which would be a problem if I was with Steve Irwin, but we'd figure that out. Like, I can't go into a room if there's like a little spider. Like if I'm going to the washroom or something, and I walk in and there's a spider, I won't go. I'll just leave.

If you could record with any artist, who would you choose and why? I would choose Bono from U2. No I wouldn't. I'd choose Billy Joel because he's amazing. He's just phenomenal, he's a genius.

If you could travel back in time, what era or time period would you go back to? Interesting. I would have to say, I would go back to the '50s because you could get away with so much stuff back then. You know, you don't have to wear your seatbelt, you could wear

really bad clothes. No yeah, the '50s for sure cause the music was awesome!

Skipping ahead to the future, where do you see yourself in five years? In five years, I see myself having multiple albums out and doing my thing. Hopefully touring the world. In the music industry there are many different opinions as to what makes an artist successful.

How would you define success? Success is defined by one's achievement of goals -- WOW! That was pretty good eh?? [laughs] I just thought of that. I think success all depends on the person. I mean, I'm not successful right now because of my own goals. I do this goal thing where I say, "Ok, I wanna do this" and I hit it and then I do that. Right now my next goal is obviously to record the album and I wanna hit platinum with the album. That's my goal so I think if I do that then I'll be successful.

What is your opinion on downloading music for free from the Internet? You know, I think there's more to life than making money off of album sales, but at the same time I think there should be some sort of degree of respect for the artist, who took the time to write that stuff. So I'm obviously not for it, because I'm an artist, but it's not a huge deal. I mean it does hurt CD sales so that's not good.

Who has been the most influential person in your life?

Oh wow... hmm... I think my father, and my mother -- my Mother more at home, my Father more performing. They sort of played a dual role there.

What advice do you have for young aspiring performers?

Basically to you know, ask people everything you can about the industry, find out everything you can and see if you still wanna do it. And if you do then try real hard. I was constantly asking people like "does this sound good?" or "how does this sound?". You've always gotta be doing that, you can't just trust yourself. Try and try and try, and never give up. You know, if someone doesn't like it, it doesn't mean you should stop, but it's always good to have opinions.





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6:00	Little People					Toad Patrol		6:00
6:30	Kids From Room 402							6:30
7:00	Braceface	My Dad RS	What's with Andy?	Braceface	What's with Andy?	The Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show		7:00
7:30	Totally Spies!							7:30
8:00	Baby Looney Tunes					What's New Scooby-Doo?		8:00
8:30	Maggie and the Ferocious Beast					Duck Dodgers		8:30
9:00	Caillou					Codename: Kids Next Door		9:00
9:30	Simon in the Land of Chalk Drawings					Ozzy & Driz		9:30
10:00	Pecola					iMucha Lucha!		10:00
10:30	Rescue Heroes					Yakkity Yak		10:30
11:00	What About Mimi?					Kid Paddle		11:00
11:30	Angela Anaconda					Ratz		11:30
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12:30	Ratz					Unlabeled Bunny		12:30
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2:00	Eekah!					Rescue Heroes		2:00
2:30	Marvin the Tapdancing Horse					Roboroch		2:30
3:00	Oliver's Adventures					Pig City		3:00
3:30	Kids From Room 402					Cardcaptors		3:30
4:00	Sabrina, the Animated Series					Megaman NT Warrior		4:00
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7:00	What's New Scooby-Doo?					Cardcaptors	Silverwing	7:00
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8:00	The Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show							8:00
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9:00	Family Guy							9:00
9:30	Daft Planet			The Ripping Friends		Grim & Evil	Time Squad	9:30
10:00	Baby Blues	UnderGrads			Clone High	Baby Blues		10:00
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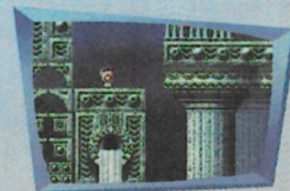
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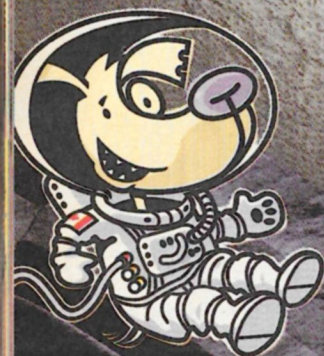
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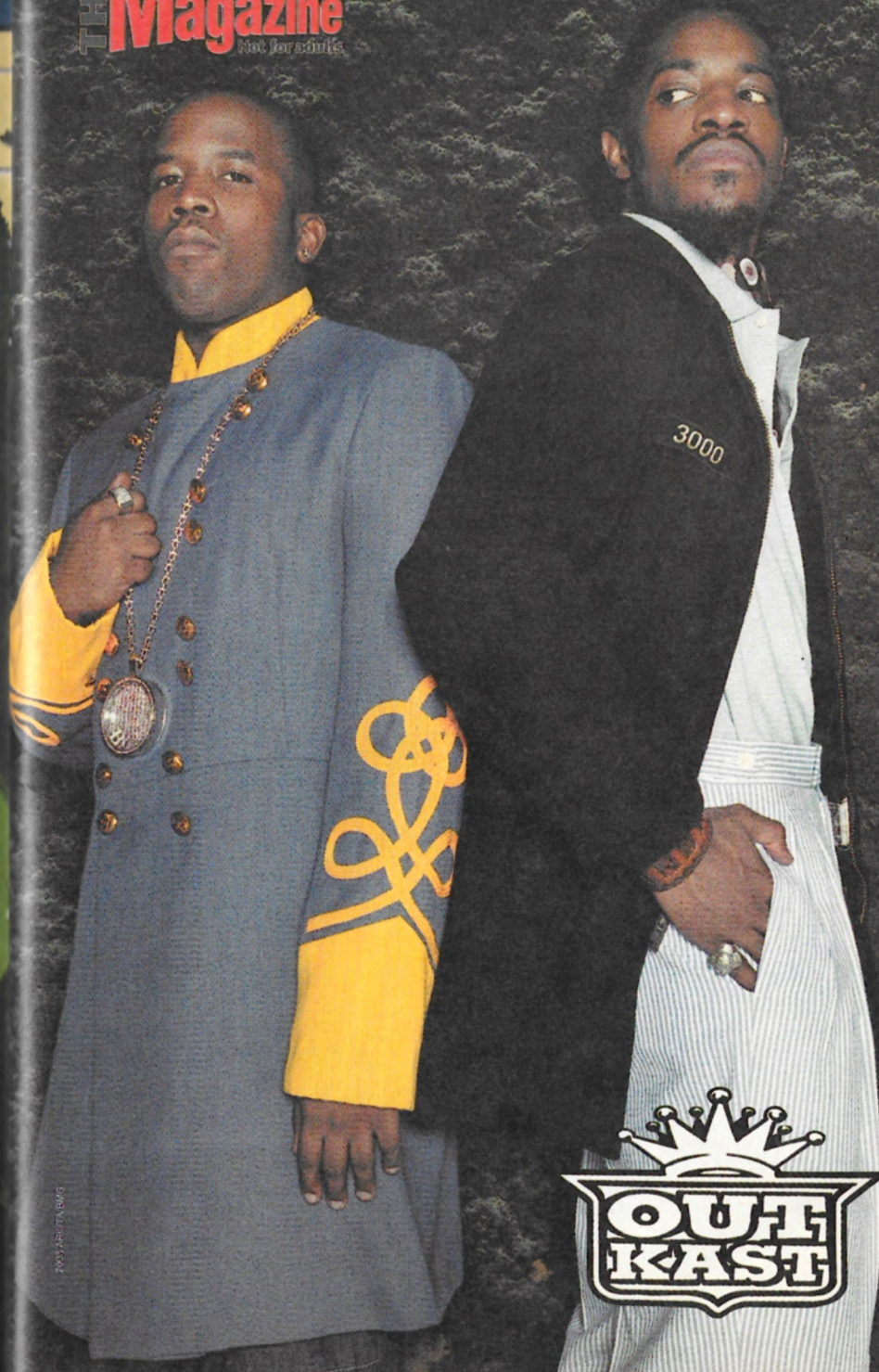
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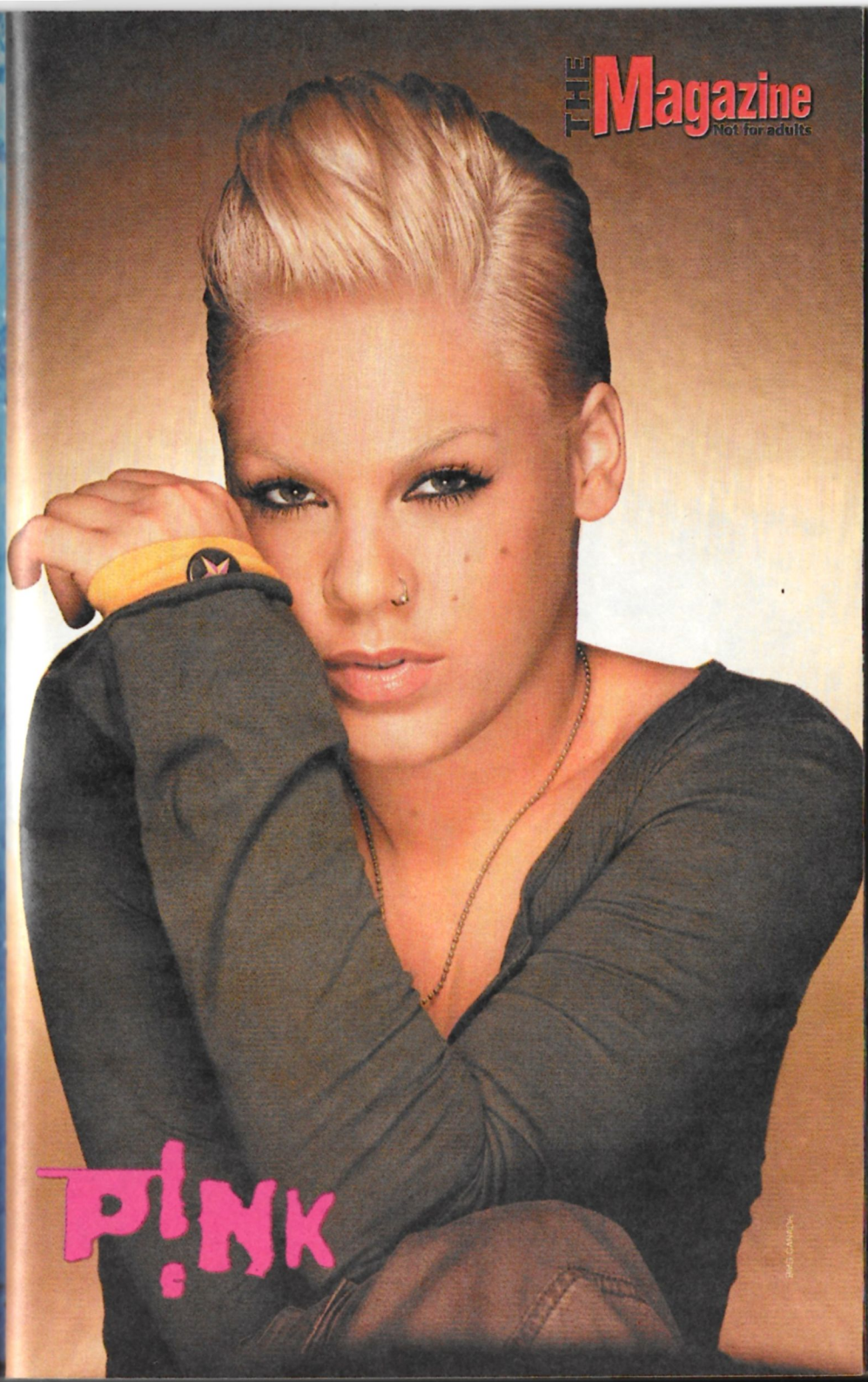
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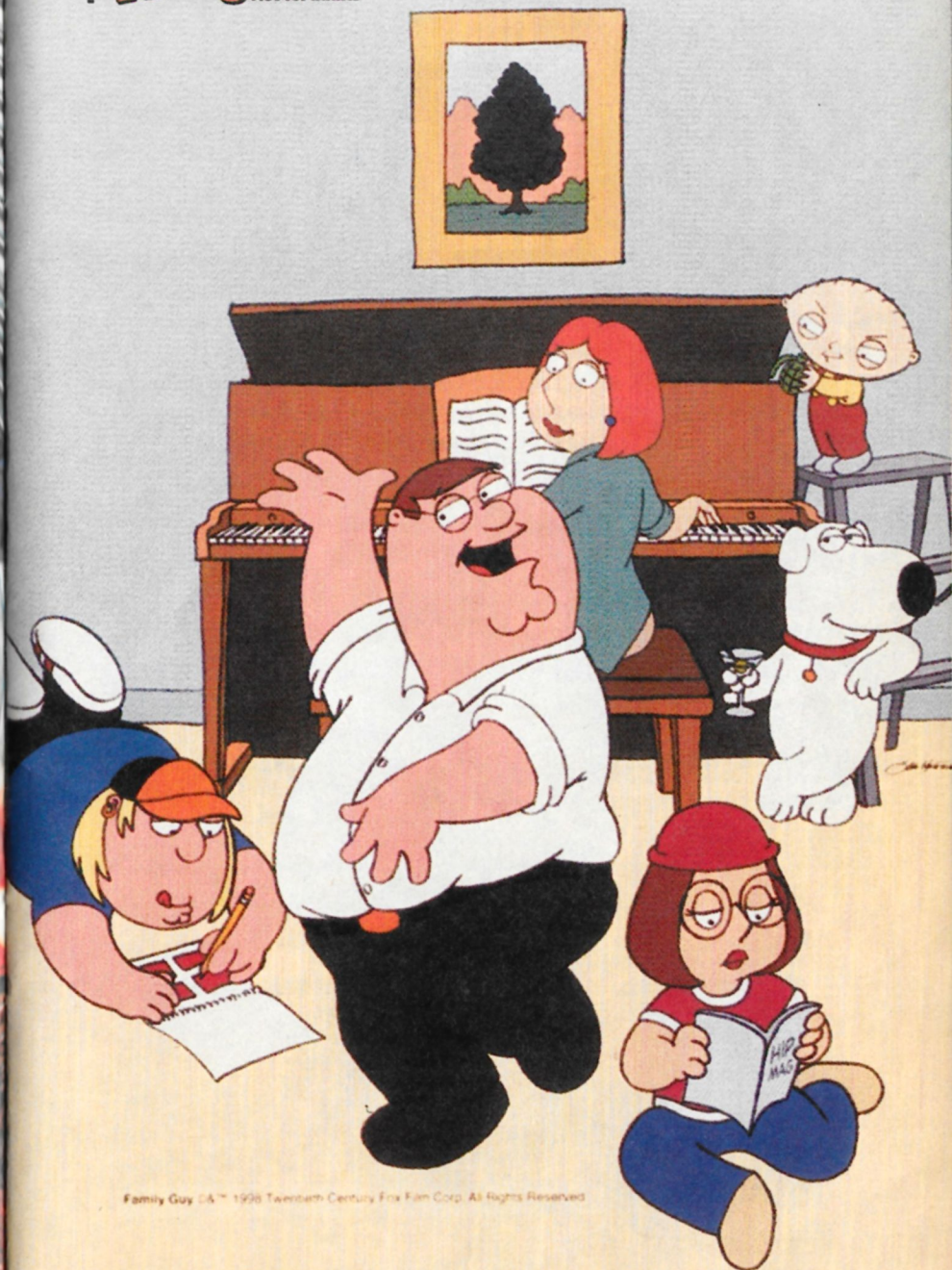
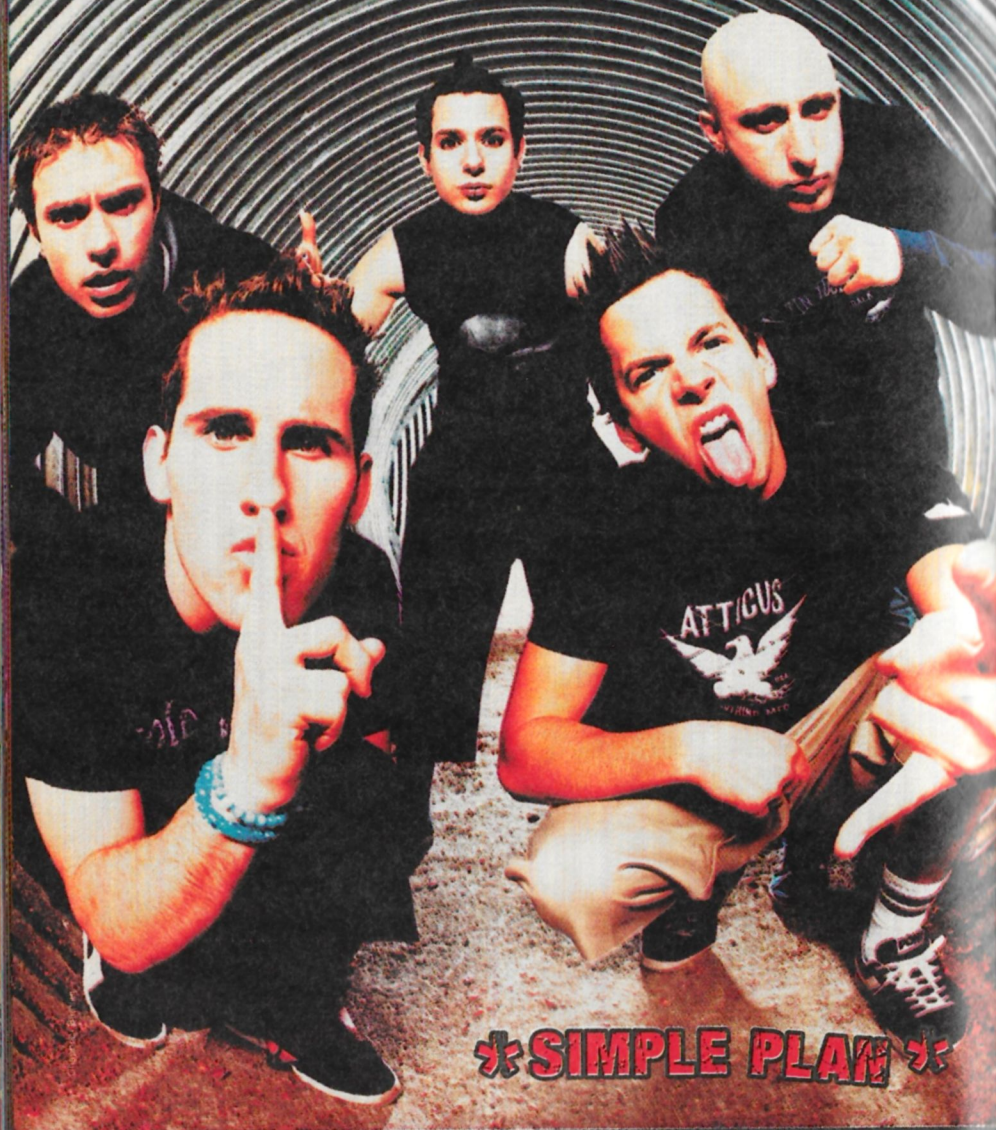


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HILARY DUFF

CO-HOST

Hey guys! I gotta tell you - I'm still on a Hilary Duff High! Back in September the TV-star/movie-star/singer took time out of her busy schedule to join me on the Hit List set and co-host the show! We sat and gabbed about everything from movies, music, boys, clothes - you name it, we chatted about it! Here's how some of our "girl talk" went...

Was making music always a goal for you?
I always sang in choirs at school and stuff and I always sing in the shower, but I always knew I wanted to be an actress.

Where were you the first time you heard one of your songs on the radio?

I was driving and I turned on the radio and turned it up and I heard "So Yesterday" on the radio and I was like, "Oh my God!" I almost wrecked the car!

You've worked with some major cute guys in some films, Frankie Muniz, Tom Welling,

Ashton Kutcher... are there any other cute guys you might like to work with?
Well he's definitely too old for me and he's not really an actor, but maybe we could make him... David Beckham!

I love David Beckham!

I saw him at the MTV Movie Awards and he was there with Posh Spice. I was doing an interview with Access Hollywood and I turned around and there was David Beckham and I was like, "Uhh!" I couldn't even concentrate on the interview, I just stared at him!



DANIELLE AND HILARY HANG OUT ON THE HIT LIST SET

What's it like seeing your face on the cover of tons of magazines?
It's really weird! I mean it's really cool, you're like, "Oh my God it's me!" Ya know? But it's weird.
What's your personal style if you're just chillin' out with your friends?
I like to dress casual and cool. I don't really like to stick to a certain style. I just wear whatever looks good on me. I like heels too, 'cause I'm kinda short!

I want to talk to you about your clothing and make-up like "Stuff By Hilary Duff." What kind of stuff is it?
It's basically like from shoes to clothes to bathing suits and make-up and accessories and backpacks and sleeping bags and purses... everything!

When can we expect it to be out?
Sometime in January.

How do you balance schoolwork and work-work?

I have a tutor that I travel with everywhere I go. We basically do 3 hours a day and we work one-on-one so there's no distractions.

Does what you do feel like work for you?

It's more fun. It's definitely fun - it doesn't feel like work! When it starts to feel like work I don't think I'll wanna do it as much anymore.

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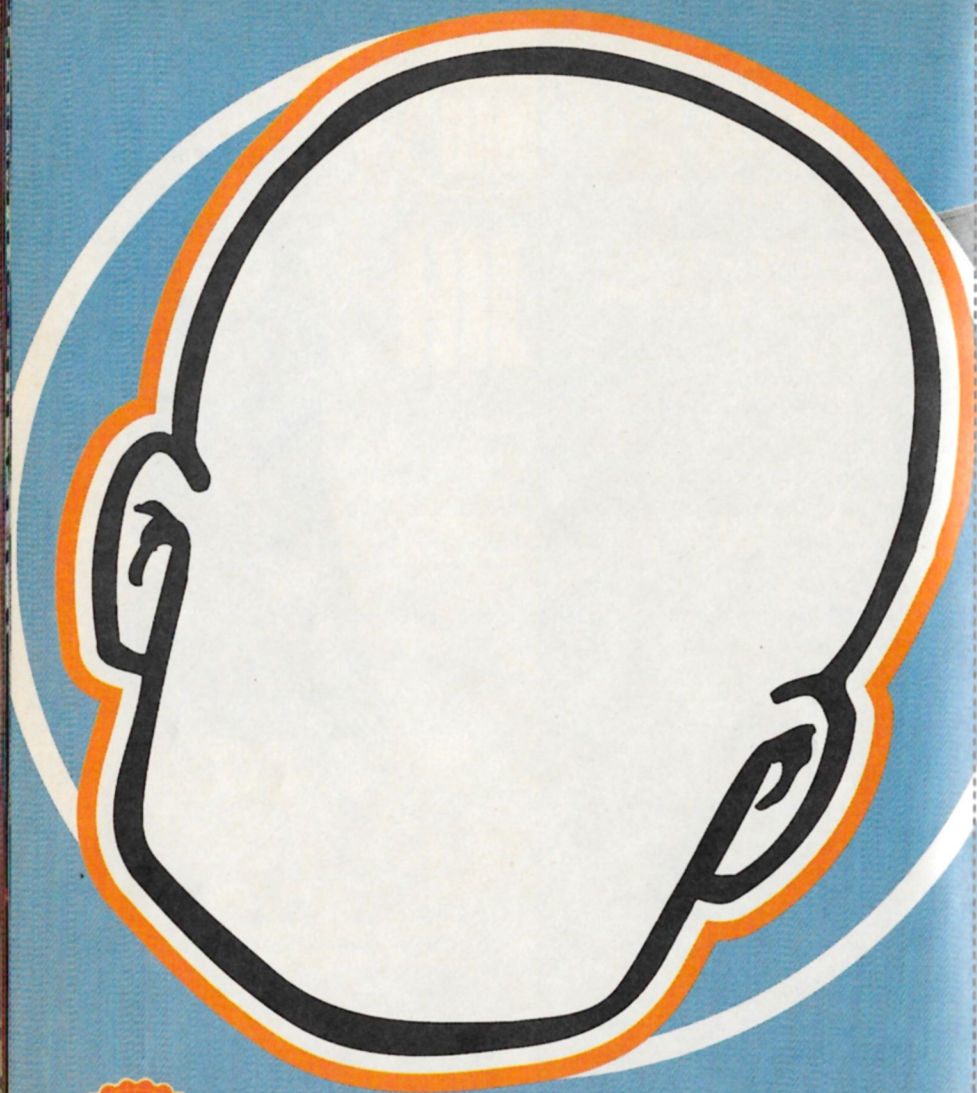
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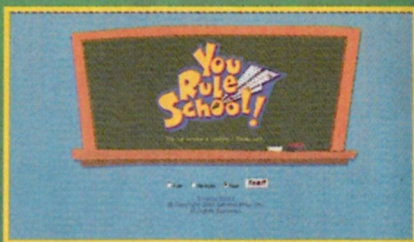
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POP CANADA CHALLENGE:

Stay tuned because along with the B-Side and our regular online features, the Pop Canada Challenge is coming to a computer near you! Once again THE MAGAZINE will be asking what YOU want to see in future issues and what appeals to the youth of Canada. Will you take the Challenge?

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AUTHOR: TOM DEFALCO/ STAN LEE
PUBLISHER: DK PUBLISHING



PAGES: 168
PLOT: Ever since the radioactive spider bit Peter Parker, he has lived a dual existence, surrounded by a "web" of mystery, intrigue, deception, love and lies. This book re-counts all major and minor events in the day to day life of Stan Lee's "web-slinging, wall-crawler". Every villain, girlfriend, friend, or foe to enter Spidey's life is documented with extraordinary detail. Comic book covers and original art is featured from the series through the years.

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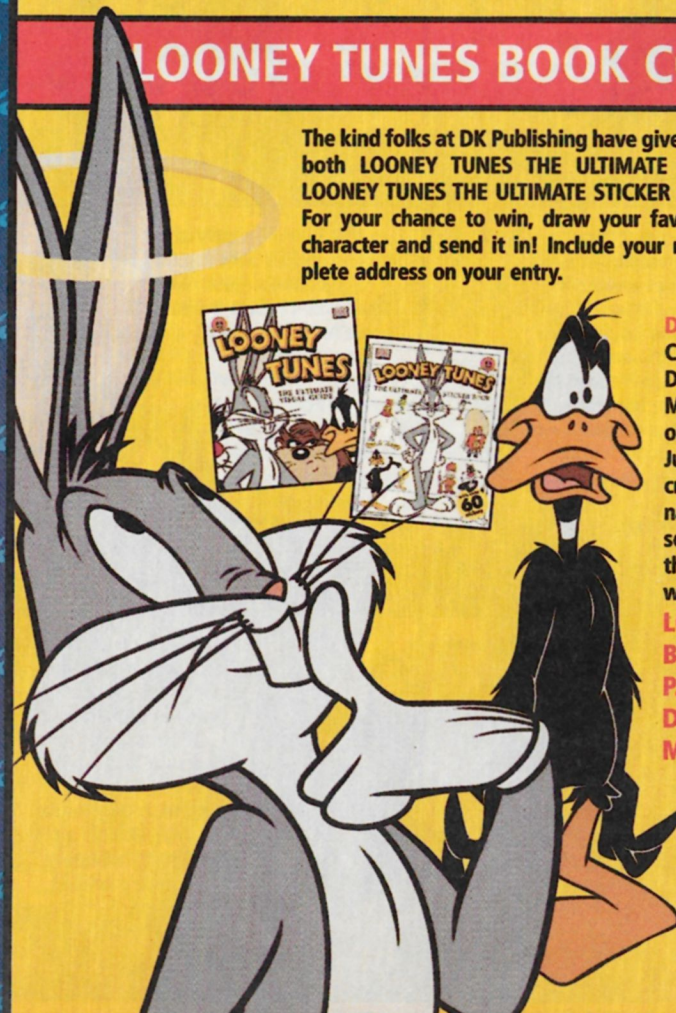


LOONEY TUNES THE ULTIMATE VISUAL GUIDE!
AUTHOR: JERRY BECK
PUBLISHER: DK PUBLISHING

PAGES: 144
PLOT: This big, colourful LOONEY TUNES hardcover book is exactly what it claims to be, THE ULTIMATE VISUAL GUIDE! Chronicling everything the Warner Bros. team of Looney Tunes characters have been up to from the very beginning and including the latest feature film, LOONEY TUNES- BACK IN ACTION! Many inside jokes though-out this coffee table book make a fun read! Certain key characters are highlighted (Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Roadrunner and Wile E. Coyote). Also noted are more obscure characters like Pete Puma, Cecil Turtle, and Sniffles the Mouse.

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COMBATCORNER



BY AGATHON FRIC

AGENT CODY BANKS

SPY KIDS

ROUND 1

DOUBLE AGENT
DEFEAT



That's Banks, Cody Banks. He may be your typical teen, but there is much more to him than meets the eye. He's a junior agent trained at summer camp and working for the CIA. Who wouldn't want his job?

What if you discovered your parents were secret spies with the OSS? Juni and Carmen Cortez learned just that and joined the family trade of cracking down on criminals. They are Spy Kids.



Like the Robocon, "there are no rules in this game except win at any cost!"

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Mr. Banks wins Round 1.

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ROUND 2

MISSION
IMPOSSIBLE

Agent Banks must stay undercover to get close to Natalie Connors and in turn find her father, inventor of the fatal nanobots for the evil ERIS organization. Some things in life are harder to do than to be a hero. His Mission? "Save the world. Pass Math. Get the girl."



Juni is called on duty after cutting all ties with the OSS. His job is to enter the Toymaker's new 3-D video game and rescue his sister as she is caught missing in action. Then he must shut down the game, or it's game over for everyone including him!



3-D video games! Need I say more? SPY KIDS puts up a fight.

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ROUND 3

MENTOR
MELTDOWN



It's getting hot in herre! Cody's mentor, or as she prefers to be called, his "handler" is the totally hot Ronica Miles. She tries to stay focused on a mission, although she can't help but act as a motherly figure sometimes.



Juni and Carmen Cortez have always grown up surrounded by secret spies and trickery. Their parents, Gregorio and Ingrid taught their kids everything they know and are always on call to toss a lifeline every now and then.

Juni is still stuck on Level 2, giving Cody the lead!

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AGENT CODY BANKS VS.

SPY KIDS

AGENT CODY BANKS

SPY KIDS

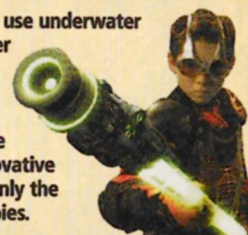
ROUND 4

GREAT
GADGETS



Along with being an elite secret agent come the benefits of cool cars, high-speed snowboards, electric shocking watches, and some extra cash to bribe your little brother so he doesn't blow your cover!

The Spy Kids use underwater vehicles, super mega racers, rocket boosters, and a whole library of innovative gadgets for only the best of spies.



I have to get one of those boards! Cody "banks" another point!

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ROUND 5

SEQUEL
SHUFFLE

Considering the success AGENT CODY BANKS met with Frankie Muniz and Hilary Duff fans, it's no mystery why Madonna tops the list of executive producers. MGM has already made plans for a sequel that will hit theatres in 2004 with Hannah Spearritt of *S Club 7* co-starring as Emily in AGENT CODY BANKS 2.



The SPY KIDS saga has launched acting careers for its young stars Alexa Vega and Daryl Sabara. The original movie "Spy Kids" sparked the interest in two sequels, "Spy Kids 2: Island of Lost Dreams" and most recently "Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over."



Carmen remains lost in the unwinnable level...

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THE CHAMPION!



www.agentcodybanksmovie.com

www.spykids.com

ROUND UP

"It doesn't matter if you win or lose, it's how you play the game." SPY KIDS got trapped in the 3rd dimension, while AGENT CODY BANKS has and always will be the skateboard-savvy Bond of the 21st century. Game Over.

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AND FLORIDA
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FUN PLACES!
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We'd like to thank everyone who visited THE MAG NFA's booth at this year's WORD ON THE STREET festival in Toronto. A great time was had by all, and many fans were able to pick up back issues and the new issue (well, it was the new issue at the time). WORD ON THE STREET is a one-day celebration of the printed word that happens on the last Sunday of every September in Toronto, Kitchener, Halifax, Calgary, and Vancouver, and always draws a huge crowd of enthusiastic readers! The event features author readings, book signings, children's activities, musical performances, plus thousands of books and magazines for sale! For more information on the event, check out www.thewordonthestreet.ca. We've already started planning for next year's event, so we hope that more people can come out and say hi! This year we had such NFA luminaries as Screamgal, Agathon, and Chatterbox helping out and greeting their fans. Word!



EMILY, AGATHON, SCREAMGAL...
AND TOFFY!



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LOTS AND LOTS OF MAGS!



WHO'S THAT WITH THE STRIPES...
COULD IT BE EDITOR ED?



ISAAC TELLS A MAG READER ABOUT
HIS FAVOURITE SIMPSONS EPISODE!



SCREAMGAL, TOFFY (MISSA) & BECKY
ASSURE THE CROWD THAT LOTR *WILL*
BE ON THE DECEMBER COVER



BECKY AND CHATTERBOX!
(MICHELLE NAGLE)



BUSY MAN + RED KRYPTONITE
= STARE OF DEATH



SCREAM AND MISSA
ARE ON CROWD CONTROL!



AGATHON IS DISAPPOINTED THAT
MORE BOARDERS DIDN'T SHOW!

PHONEtag



The phone helps us say hi, bye, spread gossip and even talk to computers. Here's your chance to tell us what's on your mind. No rules. Just Phone Tag.

Hi! I just wanted to say that THE MAGAZINE rocks! I love DOOMSNIGHT. You should have two comics in every single magazine. Everyone that I know in Parkdale loves to read it. Peace out, bye!

Hi, this Max from Edmonton, Alberta. Every month I enter the contests and I was wondering if I could put them in one big envelope? **NFA SAYS:** Of course! Just label the envelope "Contests".

This is Daniel from Winnipeg, Manitoba. I just wanted to say that I have every single MAGAZINE, EVER! I have every issue of this year except the January edition. Can you send me one? Bye.

NFA SAYS: Turn to page 64 for a BACK ISSUES order form or visit www.themagazine.ca and you can order a January BACK ISSUE there.

I have all my favourite locker posters except one. It's Sum 41, I really need it. Can you please put it as a locker poster? Thanks! Your magazine rules! Peace Out!

Hi, this is Aaron from Ontario. And yes this is the third time today that I've called. I think that the magazine rocks. Oh, by the way can I have Hilary Duff's phone number?

NFA SAYS: Dream on!

Hello this is Alex calling from Toronto, Ontario. I really like THE MAGAZINE NOT FOR ADULTS. I was wondering for COMBAT CORNER if you could do THE FAMILY GUY versus THE SIMPSONS or Hilary Duff versus Frankie Muniz. That's about it. Peace out!

Yo, what's up? It's Olivia. I'd just like to say that I like Tae-kwon-do and I'm a yellow belt. I just like to say that your magazine sucks. I really don't like all the articles in the magazine. That's all I'd like to say, bye.

NFA SAYS: Thanks for sharing!

Thank you so much for sending me the KRAZY KLUB COUNTRY STYLE CARD. When I walk home from school I walk by Country Style. I know it's just a little thing but I'm so happy. Ahhh! I can't wait to try the new donuts. Peace out! From anonymous.

Hi, it's Veronica and I just wanted to say that THE MAGAZINE is the bomb! I just love everything about it! It's so cool! Every page is a total excitement. When I look in the mail and I see that I got my magazine I jump for joy and I scream and run around the whole house. I love it sooo much! If you can make so many more issues I'd love it. Okay, bye!

Hello this is Erica phoning from Napanee, Ontario. I'm just calling about your September edition. There's two DRAWINGS in your magazine that I'd like to talk about. The first one is the orange/yellow striped cat "Itty Bitty Kitty" (#4) and the one with the guy holding the magazine with the scientist dude on the cover (#16). I just wanted to let them know that #16 was traced, well it looks like it was and the other one, #4 was copied from a book called I CAN DRAW. I don't think that's right to send in a DRAWING that you traced or copied from a book, it just doesn't seem right. When you send a DRAWING in it's hoping that you're going to win. If you send one in that you traced it and you win,

that isn't very fair to the other people. That's pretty much all I'd like to say. I love your magazine, I think it's cool. Okay, bye.

Hey this is Tammy from Ontario. I just wanted to say that whoever called in a couple of weeks ago and said that "SCREAMGAL'S WORLD OF MYSTERY is a waste of space", they're a waste of space. SCREAMGAL is the best part of THE MAGAZINE. And CATCHY-22. By the way, I'm really glad that you got rid of the whole voting off the character thing. It's way better now. Thanks, bye. NFA rocks!

I just read the PHONE TAG in the September 2003 issue and I couldn't believe what that guy Mateao said about SCREAMGAL'S WORLD OF MYSTERY. It's not boring! I love it and I think you should ignore what he said and continue to print it. Just wanted to clear that up. Bye.

NFA SAYS: Many messages were left in defence of our SCREAMGAL. No worries, she's here to stay!

SCREAMGAL'S
WORLD OF
MYSTERY



Hi, this is Michael from Toronto. I love your magazine and I don't think anything is wrong with it. I've checked out your website and I love it! It's more interesting than before with the new features. I'd like to know when your "BEST OF 2002" issue will be coming out. I hope it comes out soon because I want to get every issue of THE MAG that I can. Peace Out!

NFA SAYS: THE BEST OF THE MAG VOLUME II will hopefully be out soon.

Hi! First of all I'd like to say that your magazine rocks! In the August calendar and the September calendar you wrote that Jada Pinkett Smith had her birthday in both months. That was just weird because a person doesn't have two birthdays. That doesn't make sense. I don't really like Hilary Duff and I think HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX sucks! I'd just like to say again that your magazine rocks! I'm looking forward to the October issue. Peace out! Bye!

NFA SAYS: D'oh!

Hi this is Helen calling from Calgary, Alberta. I always watch THE HITLIST and they always say how your magazine is the greatest. Me and my sister bought THE MAG at Safeway and it's totally not what I expected... it's way better! Keep the good stuff

coming, and please feature more SpongeBob SquarePants. Thanks, bye.

Hi, my name is Rebecca from Bowmanville. I read the interview with Michelle Branch where she said that she didn't like Hilary Duff. That's so weird because Hilary Duff is way better than Michelle Branch who is an armpit! I just wanted to say that because Hilary Duff is a way better singer than Michelle Branch so she shouldn't be saying that. Bye.

MICHELLE BRANCH

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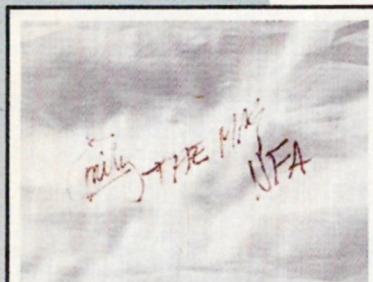
On a beautiful, clear fall day in Toronto the Kool-Aid Jammers/Ritz Bits sandwiches banner attempted to defy gravity to break the Guinness World Record for the world's longest flying banner as it flew over Toronto's Gardner Expressway, Don Valley Parkway and Highway 401. The feat was huge as this banner more than doubled the current Guinness World Record of 7,000 square feet entered on September 21, 1997. This Kool-Aid Jammers banner measured an impressive 18,000 square feet! Three young winners of various contests, including one in THE MAG NFA were on hand to go on helicopter rides to watch the banner soar. Dana Sivakumar, Madison Hagen and Rebecca Browne all got their first helicopter ride and the excitement was evident!



THUMBS UP FOR KOOL-AID



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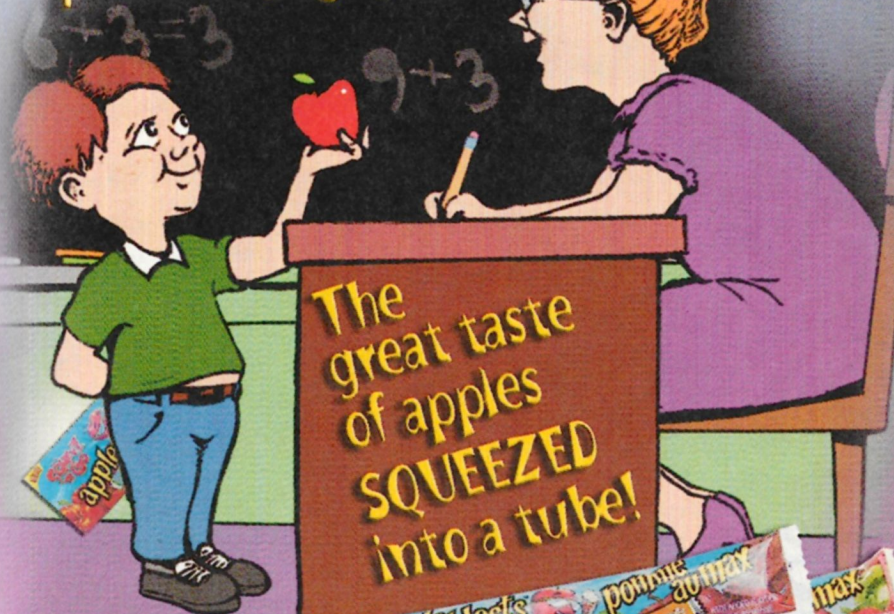
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<<< POLYFORM ERASERS



WHAT IS IT? Amazing Eraser Clay that comes in a variety of colours and can be moulded into anything you want and then used as an eraser after you are finished sculpting!
WHO MAKES IT? Polyform Products, "The Sculpty People".
HOW MUCH? \$7.99CDN
WHERE TO BUY? Michaels, Lewiscraft, Wal-Mart, and select small independents.
NFA SAYS: Can't say it's more fun than Playdough but it's cool that you can use the little sculpture you make on big mistakes!

THE HIT KIT BY STEVE LEVINE >>>

WHAT IS IT? Technology that enables anyone to record music professionally but inexpensively and at home. The kit includes a CD-ROM containing the industry-standard, sequencer package logic audio, audio CD containing elements that songsters need to create fresh sounds, dynamic quality microphone and a 24-page book explaining how it all works!
WHO MAKES IT? Dorling Kindersley (aka DK).
HOW MUCH? \$45 CDN
WHERE TO BUY? Chapters, Indigo and specialty stores.
NFA SAYS: You could be the next Clay Aiken!



<<< SESAME STREET RETRO T-SHIRTS



WHAT IS IT? A new line of clothing adorned with classic Sesame Street characters!
WHO MAKES IT? NTD Apparel Inc. (in Quebec).
HOW MUCH? \$26.50 CDN
WHERE TO BUY? Bluenotes and Thriftys locations nation wide!
NFA SAYS: Welcome to the neighbourhood! Also look for the socks, shoes, backpacks and other Sesame St. items!

RACING SPONGEBOB WASTE BASKET >>>

WHAT IS IT? Constructed of tin, this SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS waste basket is 8.75 inches round and 10 inches tall. Pictured on the side is the underwater gang from Bikini Bottom.
WHO MAKES IT? THE TIN BOX COMPANY
HOW MUCH? \$9.99 USD
WHERE TO BUY? <http://shop.nickjr.com>
NFA SAYS: SpongeBob makes garbage fun!



MAGZ-X >>>

WHAT IS IT? Building blocks taken to the next level! Steel balls attach the magnetic x-shaped bars of MAGZ-X and 3D creations can be built.
WHO MAKES IT? Progressive Trading Inc.
HOW MUCH? Sets range from \$7.50 to \$25 CDN
WHERE TO BUY? Scholar's Choice nationwide, Discovery Hut in Calgary, Top Banana, Science City and Fun to Grow On in Toronto and Elephants Never Forget in Edmonton.
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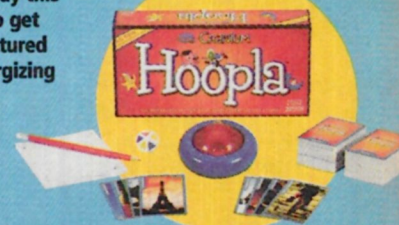
<<< 2003 HBC CHARITY BEAR

WHAT IS IT? A cute and cuddly teddy bear wearing the very Canadian HBC striped sweater!
HOW MUCH? \$12.99.
WHERE TO BUY? All HBC and Home Outfitters locations across Canada!
NFA SAYS: This limited edition bear is the perfect holiday gift for practically anyone and all proceeds will be donated to cancer support services and research.



CRANIUM HOOPLA >>>

WHAT IS IT? You have to think fast on your feet to play this game. Sketch, act, and come up with creative ways to get your team to guess the people, places, and things pictured on your cards. It's timed, so it's a quick, fun, and energizing game to play!
WHO MAKES IT? Cranium Inc.
HOW MUCH? \$29.95
WHERE TO BUY? Toy stores and game stores!
NFA SAYS: For those who are quick on the draw.



<<< BIRDSONG ALARM CLOCK

WHAT IS IT? This alarm clock has dozens of bird voices to choose from, including a rooster who sounds like he got up on the wrong side of the bed! It also has a function that can be set to hourly, so a different bird will chirp every hour on the hour.
WHO MAKES IT? For The Birds
HOW MUCH? \$39.95 USD
WHERE TO BUY? www.identifyer.com
NFA SAYS: The sound of birds singing makes waking up almost bearable.



Missa's Top 5 Hip-Hop Clichés

This list makes reference to a few clichés that I am tired of seeing and hearing in hip-hop music. Know that I am a huge fan of hip-hop but I'm upset at the lack of creativity that has been put out in the past few years. Hope this gets you thinking. Read on...

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MUSIC VIDEOS

What ever happened to music videos with legitimate story lines? Is it just me, or do

all the hip-hop videos on TV these days sport the same predictable theme? Rapper and his "boys" are in "da club" decked out in "ice" and surrounded by "video girls." Yawn. Enough already! You're called "artists" for a reason. I don't know, you might want to try being, let me see... artistic!

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DA BLING!

My biggest pet peeve is whenever artists boast about all the "bling" that they have, especially

the millionaire artists whom we've all helped become rich. I really don't need someone who's a billion times richer than me swinging their iced out chain on my TV screen. Before your head gets any bigger remember who helped you get that chain.

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FEUDS

I don't know about you, but I'm sick and tired of rappers fighting. The biggest feuds that occurred this past

year were the continuous saga between Nas and Jay-Z (Yawn!) and The AFTERMATH camp versus MURDER INC (for the record, Ja Rule started everything!). They were entertaining

at the time but it has become tiresome. I thought hip-hop was supposed to be about love? Oh sorry, it's about who's the "King Of Hip-Hop" and using threats to get your point across, I apologize.

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REPPING

If I had a dime for everytime Ja Rule yells "It's MUR-DA!" I'd be richer than him. Seriously though, why is it

that every rapper has to big up their label about a million times in every track they put out?! We all know what label you belong to, thanks. I mean, having it plastered in the background of all your videos helps. "GGGGG-UNIT!" Thanks for the update!

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VIDEO GIRLS

This one's for all the young girls out there who watch these videos regularly. PLEASE don't think you have to

be "36-25-34" to be accepted in this world. Just remember that these "video girls" are on these sets for twelve hours getting paid very little and why do they do this? To be disrespected by rich rappers?! Gee, that's the good life. I'm not sure what runs through these rapper's minds, let alone the girls. You don't see Eminem running around with girls in bikinis, do you? And he pushed 7.6 million copies and counting of THE EMINEM SHOW. I didn't see a "video girl" in "Cleanin' Out My Closet", did you?

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2. CUT peeled bananas in half lengthwise and arrange in dessert dishes.
3. TOP bananas with pudding, chopped fresh fruit, *Cool Whip Topping* and nuts.

Makes 4 servings.

KRAFT Kitchens Tip:
Have fun adding your own choice of toppings! Maybe mix it up and try new *Jell-O Instant Pudding* flavours!





Molecular Mixtures



1. TOSS 8 cups popped corn with 3 cups *POST ALPHA-BITS* Cereal.

2. MELT $\frac{1}{4}$ cup butter and $\frac{3}{4}$ cup *KRAFT* Smooth Peanut Butter in a large microwaveable bowl on *MEDIUM* for 1 minute. Add 1 pkg. (250 g) miniature marshmallows. Microwave on *MEDIUM* for 2 minutes or until marshmallows puff.

3. ADD cereal mixture to melted peanut butter mixture, stirring well to combine. Using hands, form into balls.

KRAFT Kitchen's Tip: *POST ALPHA-BITS* Cereal lets you customize these delicious treats by adding different names to the balls. Great for parties!



Super Easy Peanut Butter Cookies

Just follow these 3 simple steps:

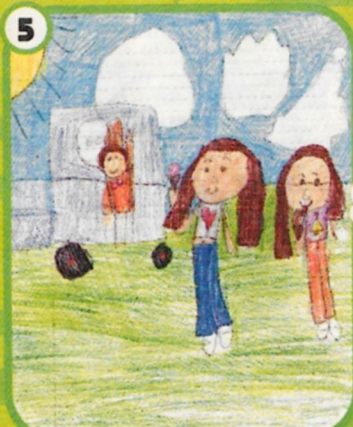
1. MIX 1 cup *Kraft Smooth Peanut Butter*, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar and an egg with a large spoon in a medium bowl.
2. ROLL the mixture into balls and place on a baking sheet. Flatten with fork or squish with your fingers.
3. BAKE at 325°F for 20 minutes. Remove pan from the oven. Let cookies cool in pan for 5 minutes to 'set', then serve.

Makes 12 cookies.

KRAFT Kitchen's Tip: Get the whole family in the kitchen and have some fun learning a few basic cooking skills like: measuring and baking.



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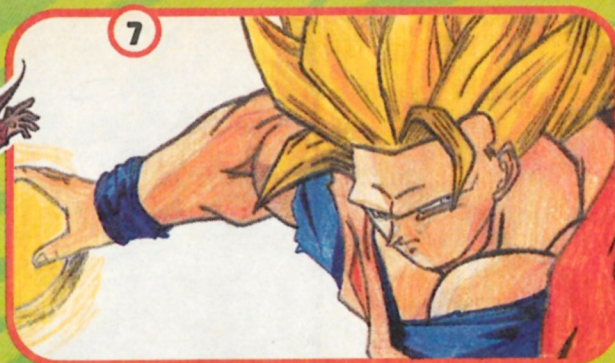


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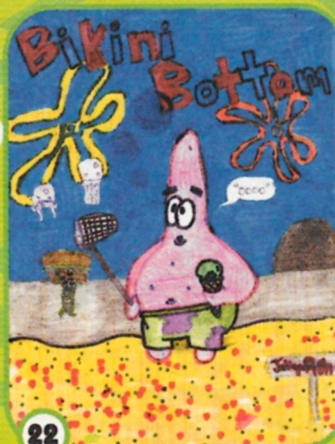
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LESSON ONE: THE HORIZON LINE

THE HORIZON LINE IS SIMPLY THE LINE WHERE THE SKY MEETS THE GROUND. BUT GET THIS — THE HORIZON LINE ALWAYS APPEARS TO BE AT YOUR EYE LEVEL, NO MATTER HOW HIGH OR LOW YOUR EYE IS!

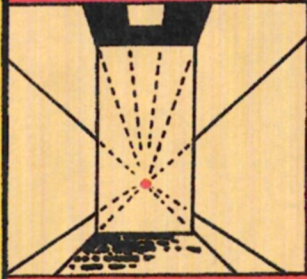
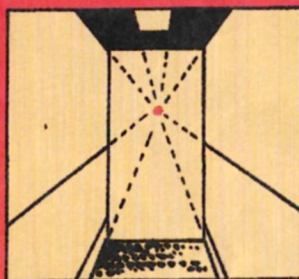


LESSON TWO: THE VANISHING POINT

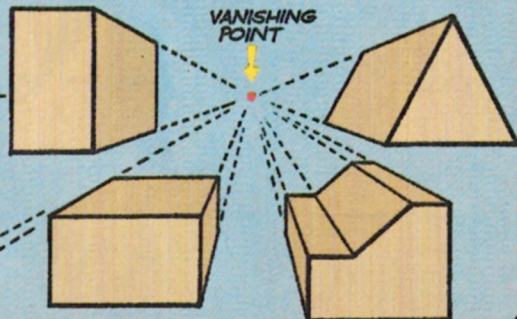
STAND IN A CORRIDOR AND NOTICE HOW ALL THE LINES CONVERGE ON ONE POINT — THE VANISHING POINT.

THE VANISHING POINT IS ALWAYS ON THE HORIZON LINE.

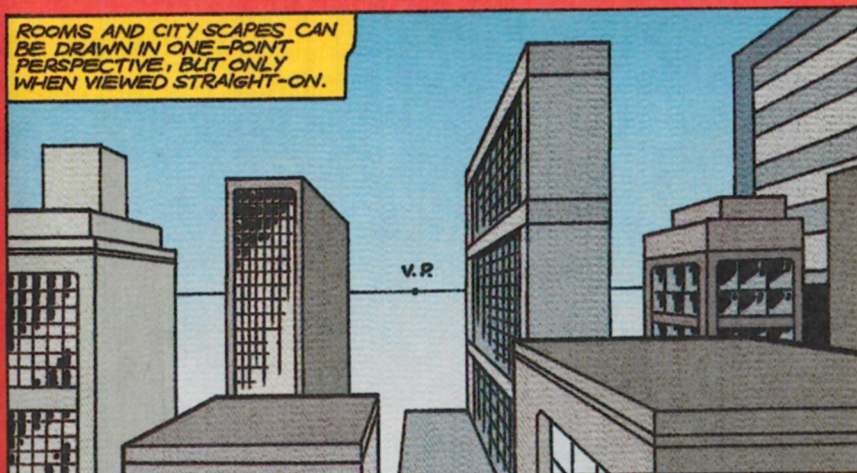
CROUCH DOWN AND THE VANISHING POINT LOWERS WITH YOUR EYES. (TRY IT!)



THAT'S THE IDEA BEHIND ONE POINT PERSPECTIVE. DRAW THE FRONT SURFACE OF OBJECTS, DETERMINE WHERE THE VANISHING POINT IS, AND EXTEND THE SIDES OF THE OBJECTS TO THAT POINT.

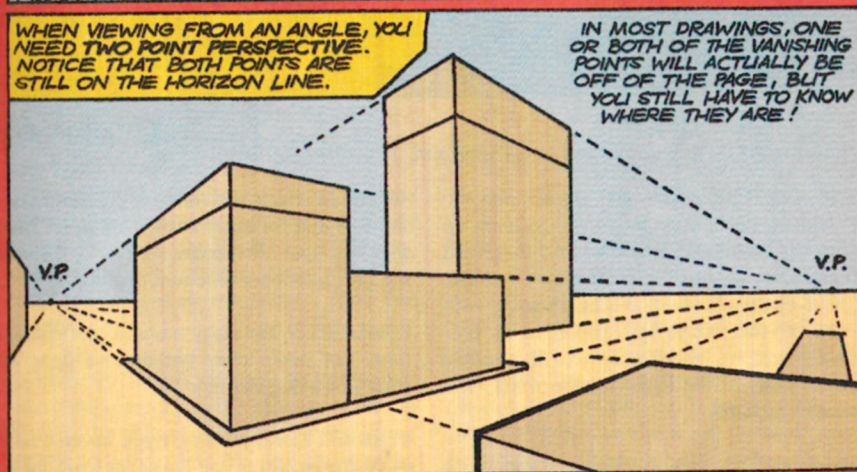


ROOMS AND CITY SCAPES CAN BE DRAWN IN ONE-POINT PERSPECTIVE, BUT ONLY WHEN VIEWED STRAIGHT-ON.



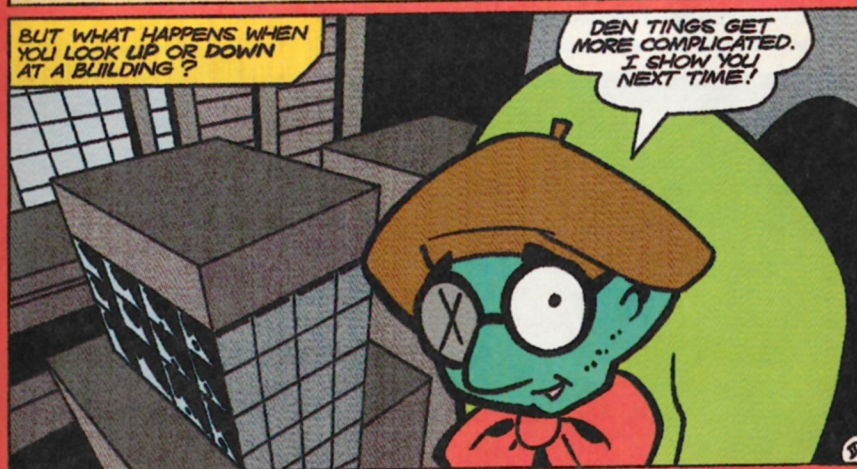
WHEN VIEWING FROM AN ANGLE, YOU NEED TWO POINT PERSPECTIVE. NOTICE THAT BOTH POINTS ARE STILL ON THE HORIZON LINE.

IN MOST DRAWINGS, ONE OR BOTH OF THE VANISHING POINTS WILL ACTUALLY BE OFF OF THE PAGE, BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO KNOW WHERE THEY ARE!



BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU LOOK UP OR DOWN AT A BUILDING?

DEN TINGS GET MORE COMPLICATED. I SHOW YOU NEXT TIME!





DVD OF THE MONTH #1



X2: X-MEN UNITED

(Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, 132 minutes)

THE SKETCH? After an attack on the President, the X-Men are forced to team up with their mortal enemy Magneto to defend themselves against the anti-Mutant hysteria. This 2-disc special edition is overflowing with cool "X"-tras, including a Nightcrawler prequel comic, 11 deleted scenes, Multi-angle scene study of the Nightcrawler attack, and much, much more!

HIGHLIGHTS? The opening scene with Nightcrawler is INSANE! We were happy that Iceman (Shawn Ashmore) was given more to

do, and of course Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) showed that he could easily handle his own series of spin-off movies. All round, X2 was the greatest super-hero movie of 2003.

LOWLIGHTS? Too many mutants, not enough time. But that's okay because we hear X3 should be along shortly!

VERDICT? Worth renting if you haven't seen it. Worth buying if you have. We love our X-Men! **A+**

WIN X2: X-MEN UNITED ON DVD! MUTANT MANIA CONTEST!

The kind folks at Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment have given us TEN copies of X2: X-MEN UNITED on DVD to give away! For your chance to win, invent a new Mutant (good or evil) who should appear in X-MEN 3. Send us a drawing and description of the Mutant's powers. Include your name, age and complete address on your entry.

DETAILS:

Contest closes January 9th, 2004. Must be 18 years old or under to enter. Judges will look for creativity and originality! Winners consent to the use of their name/city in a winners list. Send to MUTANT MANIA CONTEST1, P.O. BOX 6, Station 'O', Toronto, ON, M4A 2M8.



DVD OF THE MONTH #2



KING OF THE HILL: THE COMPLETE 2ND SEASON

(Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, 506 minutes)

THE SKETCH? All 23 episodes of KING OF THE HILL's mighty second season are presented here uncut and commercial free, alongside some cool extras like deleted scenes, in-character commentaries by voice actors Kathy Najimy, Pamela Segall, Brittany Murphy, Johnny Hardwick, Stephen Root, and Toby Huss, and a special introduction from the director.

HIGHLIGHTS? KING OF THE HILL's second season improved upon the promise shown in the first. The animation got better, the actors became more comfortable with their roles, and the show started to attract several high profiles guest stars including Brittany Murphy, Burt Reynolds, Chris Rock, Jennifer

Jason Leigh, and the late John Ritter. Also, FOX is to be thanked for the quick release schedule (The Complete 1st Season came out in August).

LOWLIGHTS? If you dig the show, there are no lowlights in this package.

VERDICT? While it's true that this animated comedy is not to everyone's liking, KING OF THE HILL has legions of fans who will absolutely adore this set. Many episodes are edited so they can squeeze in more commercials on TV, so if you've ever wanted to see the show unedited, you've come to the right place! **A**

WIN KING OF THE HILL: THE COMPLETE 2ND SEASON ON DVD!

MY FAVOURITE KING OF THE HILL CHARACTER CONTEST!

The kind folks at Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment have given us TEN copies of KING OF THE HILL: THE COMPLETE 2ND SEASON on DVD to give away! For your chance to win, send us a drawing of your favourite KING OF THE HILL character. Include your name, age and complete address on your entry.

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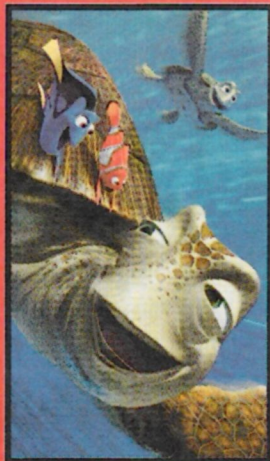
FINDING NEMO

(Walt Disney Home Video, 1000 minutes)

The best movie of the summer finally hits DVD! Being possibly the biggest DVD event of the year, Disney has wisely released this in a 2-disc special edition, including such jaw dropping extras as a tour of the Pixar studio, a virtual aquarium, the short Pixar movie **KNICK KNACK**, "Making Nemo" documentary, "The Art of Nemo" documentary, a short film called "Exploring the Reef", a sneak peek at the new Pixar film **THE INCREDIBLES**, and much more! Of course, the most import thing on here is **FINDING NEMO**, and what can we say that hasn't already been said? This is an essential DVD for any collection, and we don't say such things lightly. Sorry we couldn't do a contest for this title, we tried. Buy, buy, buy! **A+**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY:

THE LION KING: PLATINUM EDITION (Walt Disney Home Video)



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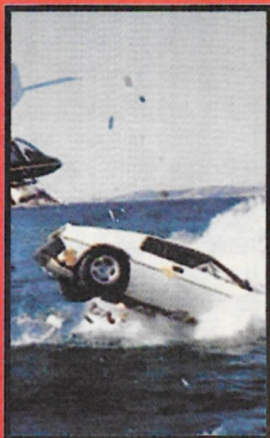
JAMES BOND BOX SET#2

(MGM Home Entertainment, 7-disc set)

Christmas has come early for fans of 007, as MGM re-releases the remaining Bond movies which have been unavailable for almost a year! This set includes Sean Connery as James Bond in **FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE**, **YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE**, and **DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER**, Roger Moore as Bond in **MOONRAKER** and **FOR YOUR EYES ONLY**, Timothy Dalton as Bond in **THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS** and current Bond Pierce Brosnan in **THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH**. Fantastic collection spanning 4 decades of blistering Bond action, this set is also highly recommended for fans of **AUSTIN POWERS**, as Mike Myer's nicked most of his Dr. Evil stuff from **YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE**. Unmissable. **A+**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY:

AUSTIN POWERS IN GOLDMEMBER (Alliance Atlantis)



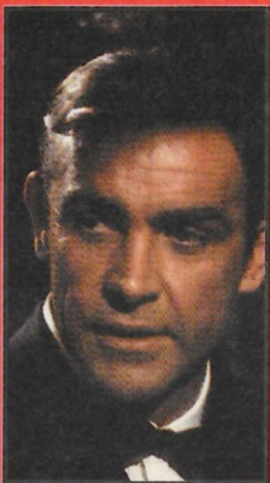
JAMES BOND BOXSET#3

(MGM Home Entertainment, 6-disc set)

The avalanche of Bond awesomeness continues with this final boxset of the adventures of James Bond 007. This set features Sean Connery's best installment **THUNDERBALL**, the highly underrated George Lazenby as Bond in **ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE**, Roger Moore's first and last outings as Bond in **LIVE AND LET DIE**, **OCTOPUSSY** and **A VIEW TO A KILL**, and the latest Pierce Brosnan adventure **DIE ANOTHER DAY**. Fans should snap these up quick, as MGM will taking them off the market in January and you'll have to wait years until they release them again! Plus, with a certain holiday just around the corner, this would make the perfect gift for Dad. Shaken, stirred, and better than the rest! **A+**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY:

AUSTIN POWERS: INTERNATIONAL MAN OF MYSTERY
(Alliance Atlantis)



LARA CROFT TOMB RAIDER: THE CRADLE OF LIFE

(Paramount Home Entertainment)

CRADLE OF LIFE was lost in the ocean of big 2003 summer movies, which is a shame because its actually really good! Lara must contend with Chinese gangsters as she pursues legendary artifact Pandora's Box but she also finds time to swim, kick, swing, shoot, jet-ski, motorcycle, fly and free-fall. **B+**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY: LARA CROFT TOMB RAIDER (Paramount Home Entertainment)



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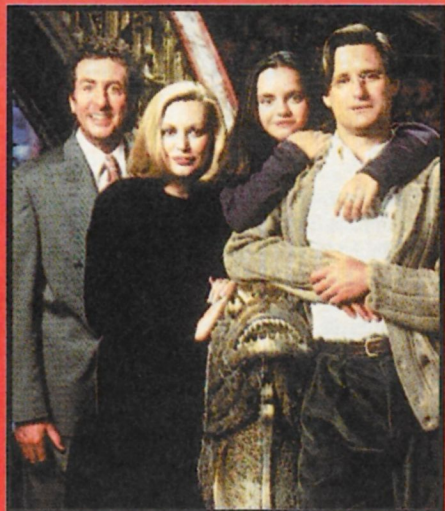


CASPER

(Universal Home Entertainment, 101 minutes)

Ghost therapist Dr. Harvey and his daughter Kat attempt to exorcise the spirits who haunt Whipstaff Manor, but soon become friendly with nice ghost Casper. This classic comedy was out of print for many years, and it's great to see it back. Christina Ricci is great as Kat, but the movie is pretty much stolen by Casper's outrageous ghost uncles Stretch, Stinkie and Fatso. The DVD contains many extras such as several interactive games, "creepy recipes", deleted scenes, and bonus episodes of the animated Casper series! **B+**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY: GHOSTBUSTERS
(Columbia Tri-Star Home Entertainment)



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DRAGONSLAYER

(Paramount Home Entertainment, 108 minutes)

An old wizard and his keen young apprentice Galen volunteer to slay a vicious dragon who is after the King's daughter. Made in the 1980s by Walt Disney, this incredible movie has been almost forgotten for years. Thankfully Paramount have taken it out of the vaults, remastered it and released it on DVD. While there are no extras, this is a must-see fantasy film, almost in the league of **THE LORD OF THE RINGS**. **B**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY:

WILLOW

(Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment)



DVD OF THE MONTH #3



BARBIE OF SWAN LAKE

(Alliance Atlantis, 83 minutes)

THE SKETCH? Barbie plays Odette in this beautifully animated ballet. Odette follows a sassy unicorn into the Enchanted Forest and unwittingly frees the magic crystal. The one who frees the crystal is foretold to be the one who will save the Enchanted Forest from the Fairy Queen's evil cousin, Rothbart (Kelsey Grammer), who turns Odette into a swan by day. The Fairy Queen is able to return her to human only at night, where she must face her fears in order to save herself and the Enchanted Forest.

HIGHLIGHTS? Tchaikovsky's music runs through-out the film and is a perfect match

for the animation. The Enchanted Forest is filled with funny characters who were also turned into various animals by Rothbart. He and his spoiled daughter, Odile make the perfect evil team to foil! The DVD has extra features that teach, step-by-step, ballet sequences for those interested in learning from Barbie herself!

LOWLIGHTS? Barbie fans will find none.

VERDICT? There are several good reasons to get this DVD: the music, animation, ballet or just for Barbie! **B+**

WIN BARBIE OF SWAN LAKE ON DVD! BARBIE OF SWAN LAKE CONTEST!

The kind folks at Alliance Atlantis have given us FIVE copies of BARBIE OF SWAN LAKE to give away! For your chance to win, send us your drawing of a half human, half animal character from the Enchanted Forest (as seen in the movie or of your own creation). Include your name, age, and complete address on your entry.

DETAILS:

Contest closes December 30th, 2003. Must be 18 years old or under to enter. Judges will look for creativity and originality! Winners consent to the use of their name/city in a winners list. Send to:

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DVD OF THE MONTH #4



LEGALLY BLONDE 2: RED, WHITE AND BLONDE

(MGM Home Entertainment, 95 minutes)

THE SKETCH? Elle Wood (Reese Witherspoon) travels to Washington D.C. to take up the cause of animal rights after discovering that her dog Bruiser's mother is locked up at an animal testing facility. The Special Edition DVD has loads of extras, including a LeAnn Rimes music video, deleted scenes, and a hilarious "blonde ambition" featurette.

HIGHLIGHTS? Reese is always a joy to watch, and the supporting cast of Luke Wilson, Sally Field, and Bob Newhart make this sequel *almost* as good as the first.

LOWLIGHTS? For some reason, Elle acts "more blonder" here than she did in the first LEGALLY BLONDE. Is this a problem? Probably not.

VERDICT? Fans of LEGALLY BLONDE will waste no time in getting a hold of this neat little pink package, which once and for all confirms that blondes do have more fun. **B+**

WIN LEGALLY BLONDE 2: RED WHITE & BLONDE ON DVD!

ACCESSORIZE YOUR PET CONTEST!

The kind folks at MGM Home Entertainment have given us TEN copies of LEGALLY BLONDE 2: RED WHITE & BLONDE on DVD to give away! For your chance to win, accessorize your pet like Elle did with Bruiser, and send us a photograph of the results. Include your name, age and complete address on your entry.

DETAILS:

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MASK OF LIGHT - BIONICLE: THE MOVIE

(Buena Vista Home Entertainment, 74 minutes)

BIONICLE fans were left wondering why this awesome movie went straight to DVD/Video without ever coming out in movie theatres. MASK OF LIGHT finds Jaller and his best friend Takua setting off on a journey to find the 7th Toa, a mysterious guardian who will help protect their island home. The extras include deleted scenes, a really cool behind-the-scenes documentary and a sneak peek into the next BIONICLE Storyline. Cool! **A+**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY:

TREASURE PLANET (Walt Disney Home Video)



HOLES

(Buena Vista Home Entertainment, 117 min.)

Stanley Yelnats is dogged by bad luck that stems from a 150 year old family curse. When he's wrongly found guilty of stealing a pair of shoes, he's sent off to Camp Green Lake for 18 months, to build character. Once there, he realizes that he's not in any normal camp. Stanley and dozens of other delinquents are forced to dig an endless series of holes, 5 feet deep by 5 feet wide, to keep the Warden at bay. The movie continues to explain how something fishy is going on at Camp Green Lake, and explains Stanley's great grandfather's curse, and the life of Kissin Kate, a long-dead female outlaw. If you liked the book, this is unmissable! **A+**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY:

THE GOONIES (Warner Bros. Home Entertainment)



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THE X-FILES: THE COMPLETE 8TH SEASON

(Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, 984 minutes)

Fox Mulder has left the building.

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IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY:

THE X-FILES: THE COMPLETE 6TH SEASON

(Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment)



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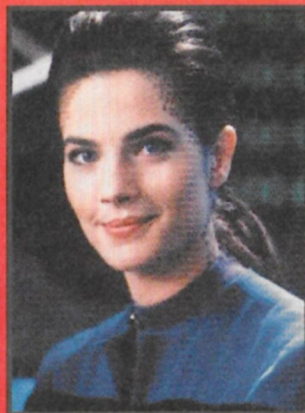
STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE: THE COMPLETE 6TH SEASON

(Paramount Home Entertainment, 999 minutes)

Things didn't slow down in DS9's sixth and penultimate season, as the Dominion war continued to dominate the ongoing storyline. The strong writing continued, with diverse plots such as Morn passing away, Sisko imagining a life on Earth as a science-fiction writer in the 1950s, and Jadzia Dax heroically sacrificing herself. Paramount have done a wonderful job with these DS9 box sets and it is sad that there is only 1 more season left! **B+**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY:

STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION: THE COMPLETE 3RD SEASON (Paramount Home Entertainment)



DARK ANGEL: THE COMPLETE 2ND SEASON

(Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, 943 minutes)

James Cameron's DARK ANGEL was cancelled midway through this season, sadly. This set contains the final 21 episodes of Max's thrilling quest to find the other prototypes. At least Jessica Alba got to go onto bigger and better things, but what happened to the rest of the cast? Unfortunately the overall darkness and downbeat stories are probably what turned people off of this DARK ANGEL. **C+**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY:

DARK ANGEL: THE COMPLETE 1ST SEASON

(Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment)



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CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG: SPECIAL EDITION

(MGM Home Entertainment, 145 minutes)

Described by some as "James Bond goes to Romper Room", this classic family film still holds up after all this time (although it's a little long). MGM have rewarded fans with a tricked out Special Edition featuring a 32 page story book, a sneak peak at the CHITTY musical, a featurette on the "Fantasmagorical Motorcar", and plenty more. Trivia fans take note: the story of CHITTY was written by none other than Ian Fleming (writer and creator of the original James Bond books), and several Bond actors have cameos, including the late Desmond Llewelyn (Q), and Gert Frobe (Goldfinger). All in all, a perfect movie for a rainy Sunday. **B**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY:

MARY POPPINS (Walt Disney Home Entertainment)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**DAFFY DUCK ANNOUNCES PLEASURE AT ENHANCED ROLE OF BIRDS
IN CURRENT CINEMA**

Famed Second Banana Salutes "Winged Migration"

HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA September 26, 2003 – Daffy Duck announced today at an unscheduled press conference that he is thrilled at the popularity and success of the documentary *Winged Migration*, which follows the paths of thousands of birds as they migrate around the world.

"I'm ecstatic that someone has finally recognized the raw cinematic power of the aviary community," Mr. Duck enthused. "Although, regrettably, all of my scenes were cut from the film, I harbor no ill will towards the creators. I can see how my star power might distract from the plight of the common bird. I require no fame, nor fortune – my craft alone sustains me. Unlike some so-called 'superstars' who need to see their rabbit behinds plastered across every inch of blank space throughout the known universe in order to feel fulfilled."

Daffy then took the time out of his busy schedule to plug his upcoming feature. "I do realize, however, that some of you students of the arts may be smarting from my absence in *Winged Migration*. To that end, I remind you all that I do star in the upcoming major motion picture, *Looney Tunes: Back in Action*, coming to a theater near you on the 14th of November, 2003. So never fear, fans, for I have abandoned you not!"

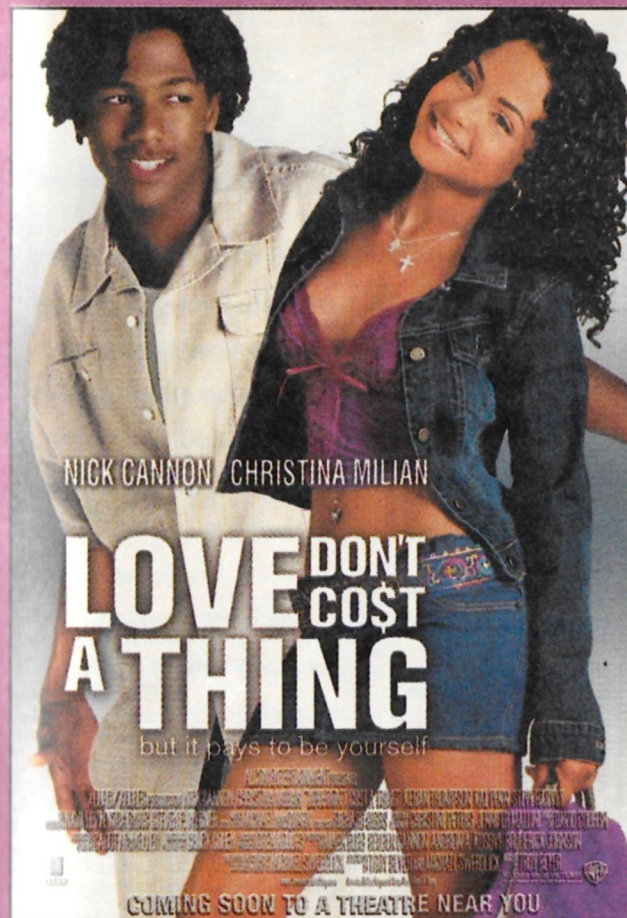
Following his subsequent fall from the podium, the actor was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he is said to be annoying the staff.

Warner Bros. Pictures Presents a Baltimore/Spring Creek/Goldmann Pictures production, *Looney Tunes: Back in Action*, starring BRENDAN FRASER, JENNA ELFMAN and STEVE MARTIN. Directed by JOE DANTE, the film also stars TIMOTHY DALTON and JOAN CUSACK with HEATHER LOCKLEAR. Produced by PAULA WEINSTEIN and BERNIE GOLDMANN, the film is written by LARRY DOYLE. Executive Producers CHRIS deFARIA and LARRY DOYLE. Director of Photography DEAN CUNDEY, ASC. Production Designer BILL BRZESKI. Edited by MARSHALL HARVEY and ROCK W. FINNEY. Music by JERRY GOLDSMITH.

Looney Tunes: Back in Action will be distributed worldwide in 2003 by Warner Bros. Pictures, a Warner Bros. Entertainment Company.

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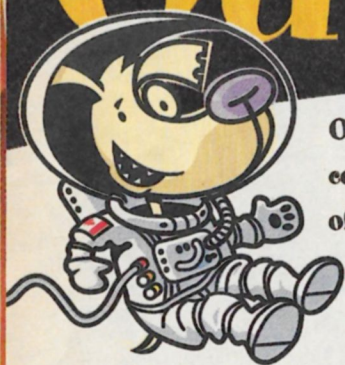
Romantic Teen Comedy. In this modern update of the classic 1987 teen comedy *CAN'T BUY ME LOVE*, our hero is high-school senior Alvin Johnson (Nick Cannon), a brilliant, likable outcast who has come to regret the years of intellectual endeavors that prevented him and his un-hip friends from socializing, getting girlfriends and hanging out with the super-cool "Elite" kids. When queen of the Elites, Paris Morgan (Christina Milian) wrecks her mother's car, Alvin steps in and mortgages his future to help her out. The catch: In exchange for \$1500 in car parts and Alvin's automotive expertise, Paris agrees to "fake a front" with him to convince the school that they're dating. The question is: can Alvin rein in his newfound ego before he loses his true friends, his chance for a scholarship and a shot at a real relationship with Paris?

For your chance to win 1 of 15 Warner Bros. prize packs (each valued at \$35) send in a list of 5 films where the title of the movie is the same as the name of a song!

On a postcard send your answers along with your name, age, telephone number, complete address and a parent/guardian's signature to:
LOVE DON'T COST A THING, P.O. Box 555, Don Mills, ON M3C 2T6

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Out of this world!



On October 1, 2003, Canada Post issued eight super cool circular stamps that celebrate Canada's 41 years of space exploration. See them at your local post office or join Stamp Quest™ and start your own collection! Eight amazing astronauts are featured in this series:

Marc Garneau

Marc Garneau was the first Canadian astronaut! Marc has logged over 677 hours in space and participated in three space shuttle flights.

Robert Thirsk

Robert Thirsk is an engineer and medical doctor. His 17-day mission aboard the space shuttle Columbia was the longest for a Canadian astronaut.

Steve MacLean

Steve MacLean flew aboard the space shuttle Columbia in 1993. Steve has a doctorate in physics and maintains the status of active astronaut with NASA!

Dave Williams

Dave Williams is a medical doctor specializing in emergency medicine. Dave is the first Canadian to have lived and worked in both orbiting and undersea laboratories!



Roberta Bondar

Roberta Bondar was the first Canadian woman in space. Roberta has a PhD in neurobiology and has been elected to the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame!

Bjarni Tryggvason

Bjarni Tryggvason flew aboard the space shuttle Discovery and designed an instrument to counter the effects of spacecraft vibrations on fluid science experiments.

Chris Hadfield

Chris Hadfield is the only Canadian to have visited the Russian space station Mir and was the first Canadian to perform a spacewalk!

Julie Payette

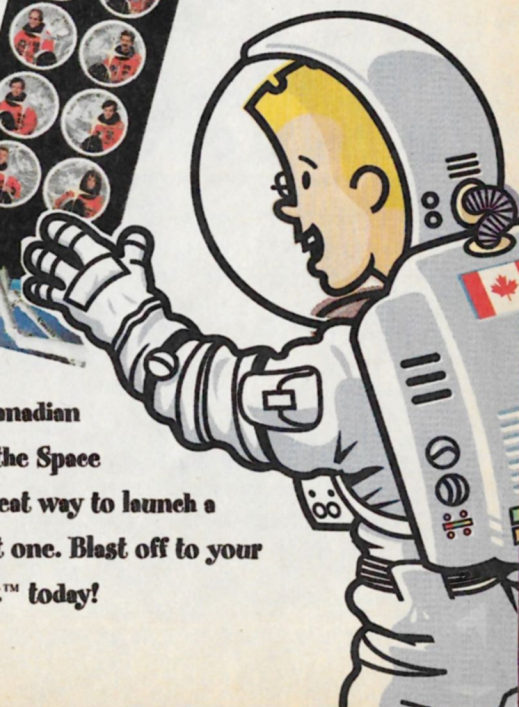
Julie Payette became the first Canadian to board the International Space Station and is currently Chief Astronaut for the Canadian Space Agency!

Canada Post is honouring the achievements of Canadian astronauts and the Canadian Space Agency. Canada entered space in 1962 with the launch of Alouette-1 communications satellite. Its success signalled to the world that Canada was to become an important player in the space age! Over the next four decades, Canadian innovations played a pivotal role in advancing the science and the possibilities of space exploration. Today, Canadian technology leads the world in fields such as satellite communications, earth observations and space robotics! In 1989, the Canadian Space Agency was formed to coordinate space research, technology and the astronaut program. In the

past two decades, eight Canadian astronauts have flown into space aboard NASA's space shuttles, more than any other country except the United States!

First among them was Marc Garneau who now serves as president of the Canadian Space Agency. Canada Post is proud to announce the

issue of a set of commemorative stamps that salutes the eight brave Canadian astronauts who have put Canada on the Space map! This unique stamp issue is a great way to launch a stamp collection! Or add to a current one. Blast off to your local post office or join Stamp Quest™ today!





SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS: BATTLE FOR BIKINI BOTTOM

PLATFORM(S): XBOX

PUBLISHER: THQ

DEVELOPER: HEAVY IRON



THE STORY: The evil Plankton has a new plan to take over the world, and it's up to SpongeBob, Patrick and Sandy Cheeks to stop him!

GOOD: Seeing the familiar world of Bikini Bottom in 16 huge 3D environments is beyond cool. There are some crazy moves like "lasso copter", "underwear bungee jumping", and "tounge boarding". Plus, there are cameo appearances from almost every Bikini Bottom character!

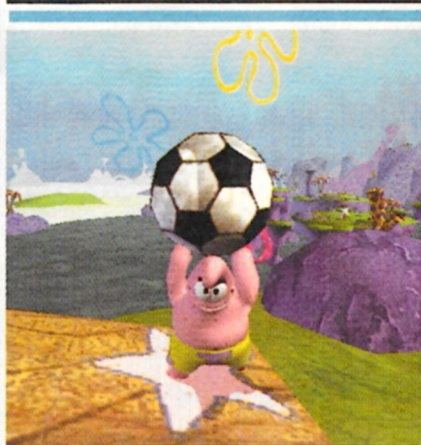
BAD: Matrix-style angles are becoming a bit overused in movies, television commercials, and now video games!

VERDICT: Fans of SpongeBob won't want to miss this. You can play as either SpongeBob, Patrick, or Sandy Cheeks. We chose Patrick!

NFA RATING: A

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DETAILS:

Contest closes on January 9, 2004. Must be 18 years old or under to enter. Judges will conduct a random draw from among all correct, eligible entries. Winners consent to the use of their name/city in a winners list. Send to MY XBOX WANTS PANTS CONTEST P.O BOX 6, Station 'O', M4A 2M8.



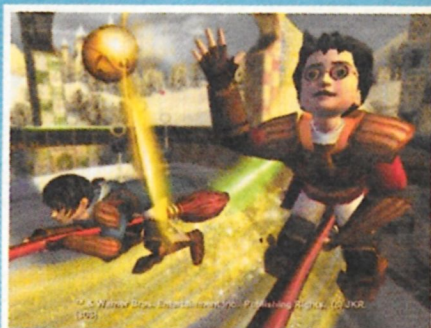
HARRY POTTER: QUIDDITCH WORLD CUP

PLATFORM(S): GAMEBOY ADVANCE, GAMECUBE, PC, PLAYSTATION 2, XBOX

THE SKETCH: Ever since Harry first arrived at Hogwarts, fans have been dying for a chance to try their hand at the great wizarding sport of Quidditch. But since the game requires flying broomsticks and a handful of magic balls, it's not exactly the type of thing you can play in your backyard. So if you've always wanted to dodge a Bludger or snatch the elusive Golden Snitch, grab this fast-paced game. You begin by captaining one of the Hogwarts House teams, but win enough matches and you'll get to do battle with Quidditch teams from around the world in a quest for the Quidditch World Cup! Just look out for that sneaky Bulgarian, Victor Krum!

VERDICT: Easily the best Potter game yet! After all, what could be more exciting than stealing the Snitch away from a digital Malfoy?

NFA RATING: A+



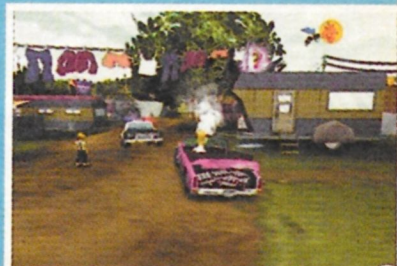
THE SIMPSONS: HIT & RUN

PLATFORM(S): GAMECUBE, PLAYSTATION 2, XBOX

THE SKETCH: There have been an awful lot of awful Simpsons-themed video-games, but don't let that scare you away from this top-notch driving/action title. The game is basically just Grand Theft Auto set in Springfield, which means Homer and the gang have to jump behind the wheel and complete various missions around town. Of course, there are plenty of hilarious in-jokes and references for all the die-hard Simpsons fans out there, so you can have a really good time just driving around everyone's favourite cartoon burg, taking in the sights and listening to the chatter. So hop in and head to the Quik-E-Mart!

VERDICT: Great missions, plenty of cool cars and enough Simpsons gags to fill a dozen episodes. Now that's a game!

NFA RATING: A





VOODOO VINCE

PLATFORM(S): XBOX

THE SKETCH:

Now here's something new - a

game where you defeat the bad guys by beating yourself up! You see, Vince is no ordinary hero. In fact, he's not even a person - he's a magical voodoo doll (the kind you stick needles into). And that means whatever happens to him, happens to his enemies. So go ahead and make Vince jump into that high-speed blender! He'll be just fine, but his opponents might end up a little pureed!

VERDICT: A really fun and original game that would be a lot better if it was just a teeny bit longer.

NFA RATING: B+



BILLY HATCHER AND THE GIANT EGG

PLATFORM(S): GAMECUBE

THE SKETCH:

Young Billy's world is in peril, and the only way he can save it is by strap-

ping on a rooster suit and pushing around some magic eggs! Okay, so it may sound a little weird, but trust us, this is one fun game. You use the eggs to crush your enemies, and the more bad guys you crush, the larger your eggs gets. And when the eggs get big enough, they hatch all kinds of strange animals and items that can help you in your quest.

VERDICT: The action is fast and challenging, the graphics are super-cute and the level design is top-drawer. Well worth a look!

NFA RATING: A-



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(PUMPKIN)
Erica, Kingston, ON



IN THE NAME OF LOVE.
(PAUL & SHADOW)
Laura Thompson, Orleans, ON



PRIVACY PLEASE
CATHERINE GRENDEL



BUT, CAN YOU DO THIS?
Amber Rockford,
Belleville, ON



JUST ASK! We are not doctors or anything. We're just two girls looking to help those who need it. Send to KC (15) and Hali (15)! justask@themagazine.ca

SPEAK UP!

I have a friend and I think she doesn't like me because she hurt my feelings. What should I do?

Talk to this person and see what the problem is. If she's still hurting your feelings then maybe it's time for you to move on.

OFF LIMITS!

Do you think you could help me with this one problem? I like this guy a lot, I think it actually might be the real love thing. But he has a girlfriend and they've been going out for almost a year. I don't think I should tell him I love him, because I think it will confuse him, and his life. But I know if I don't tell him, it will make my life more confusing. I really don't know what to do, and I'm SO confused.

Well he does have a girlfriend right now, and you should respect that. If they break up, we suggest that you give him some time, and then tell him how you feel.

ARM'S LENGTH

One of my best friends has been acting really strange lately. When I went over to another friend's house she said my best friend has told her a lot of strange things, like things I wouldn't want anyone to know and lies. She said I had tried to stop her from being friends with two of her friends! She told me she hated them. I TRUSTED HER! I also caught her reading my diary once when she was over! I was thinking of telling her we weren't friends anymore when school starts, but she knows a lot of personal stuff about me and she would tell everyone at school. What should I do?

Trust is one of the most important things in a friendship, and if you feel you can't trust her, you definitely need to move on! No need to be rude but you could slowly start hanging around with other people and make new, maybe better friends.

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

There's this guy I like at school and he likes me. I've liked him ever since he moved from Alberta. I'm best friends with his cousin. I'm scared to tell him how I feel because I don't want it to back fire on me.

Friendship is first. Things will move on naturally from there, if it is meant to be.

BRAGY MCBRAG BRAG

My really good friend always wants everything to go her way!!! We're on the same swimming team and whenever she beats me, she ALWAYS brags!!! If you don't help her or let's say if she doesn't get her way, she'll start getting all mad at you! I've told her that she has to stop with this attitude problem, but she never stops! How should I convince her to stop when sometimes I'm even afraid that she'll get all mad at me. I don't want to hurt her feelings either, but sometimes she hurts others. PLEASE HELP ME!!!

We are pretty sure your friend doesn't mean to hurt you. Try talking to her and tell her honestly how you feel, maybe then she'll understand and stop. If that absolutely doesn't work try giving her a taste of her own medicine, maybe then she'll understand how it feels.

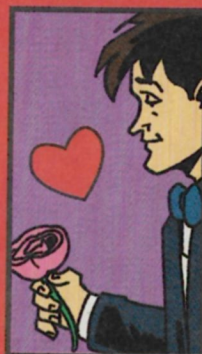


Some problems are bigger than "my teacher bugs me" or "she doesn't like me". That's where Kids Help Phone comes in to play. Go to www.kidshelpphone.ca or pick up a phone and dial TOLL FREE 1-800-668-6868 to get an immediate response to ANYTHING you are not comfortable asking a parent, teacher or friend. It's a completely FREE service that runs 24-7. It is also completely confidential, so you can be open and honest on any topic.

MOM'S WEIRD BOYFRIEND

My mom is dating this really weird guy. He writes her gross love notes every day telling her she's beautiful. I can't take it and I want them to break up. But when I tell my mom that I don't like him and that I want her to stop seeing him she just laughs. My mom thinks he's great. What do I do?

Many kids find it hard seeing their mom or dad in a relationship with someone that isn't their parent. It must also seem silly or weird to see grown ups acting like a couple of love sick teenagers. But you should try to look at the situation differently. Is he nice to you and your mother? Other than his "weird behaviour" of writing love notes is he fun or at least ok to be around? Does he make your mother happy? Isn't this better than someone who is mean?



PROMISE

I hang out with my best friend almost all the time. For a while now I have been seeing a lot of bruises on her arms and legs. The other day she missed school and when she came back she had a huge bruise on her cheek and a black eye. She told me her stepfather hits her but she made me promise not to tell anyone. What should I do? I want to help her, but I promised I wouldn't tell anyone, and I don't want to break a promise to a friend because she may not like me anymore. Also, I'm afraid because what if he finds out and something really bad happens to her.

It can be really hard knowing what to do when a friend tells you they are being hurt and makes you promise not to tell anyone. Keeping promises is important in a friendship. However, some promises should be broken if it's the only way to help a friend.

It's not unusual for an abusive person to make threats as one way of being sure that no one ever finds out what they are doing. But in order for you to know your friend will be safe it's important to let a trusted adult know what is happening too so they can help. This trusted person could be a teacher, your doctor or a child protection worker at the Children's Aid Society or Child and Family Services. What these services are called depends on what province you live in - you can find the phone number in the phone book, usually on the first page, or call the operator. You might also want a parent or other adult to help make this phone call.

You or your friend can also call Kids Help Phone. The service is confidential and available twenty four hours a day. Counsellors do not trace calls and it will not show up on the telephone bill. If you like, they can also phone child protection for you.

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POLIO

BY STACEY HAMILTON

Polio is a dangerous disease that can lead to paralysis, when you can't feel your arms or legs, or even death. Luckily, polio is very rare in North and South America.

HOW DO I GET IT?

Polio is a contagious disease that is transmitted by getting germs in your mouth. You get these germs on your hands when you go to the washroom and don't wash your hands. Then, when you have something to eat, these germs get on your food and in your mouth, which is when polio begins to make you sick. You can also get it by drinking contaminated water.

SYMPTOMS

The scary part of polio is that, in 95% of cases, there are no symptoms. This type of polio is called asymptomatic (ah-simp-toe-mat-tick) polio. Often, polio goes undetected because it is mistaken for the flu. The type of polio, called abortive (ab-or-tive) polio, produces mild symptoms that may include:

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Mild throat or lung infection
- Diarrhoea

The few people who have more serious symptoms may suffer from:

- Light sensitivity
- Stiff neck
- Breathing difficulty
- Other neurological problems
- Paralysis

Most people who suffer from non-paralytic (non-pair-ill-lit-tick) polio, meaning they aren't paralysed, make full recoveries.

HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

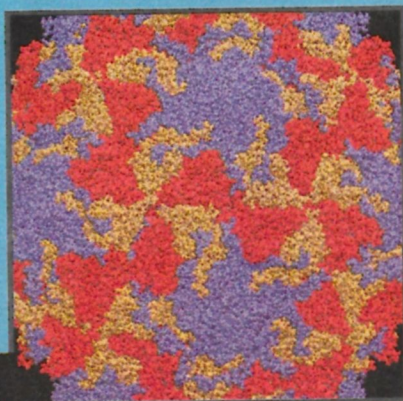
Polio usually lasts less than two weeks, but the effects of the damage it does may never go away. For example, when you become paralysed from polio, the disease has damaged your nerves. Your body might never fully recover from that.

TREATMENT

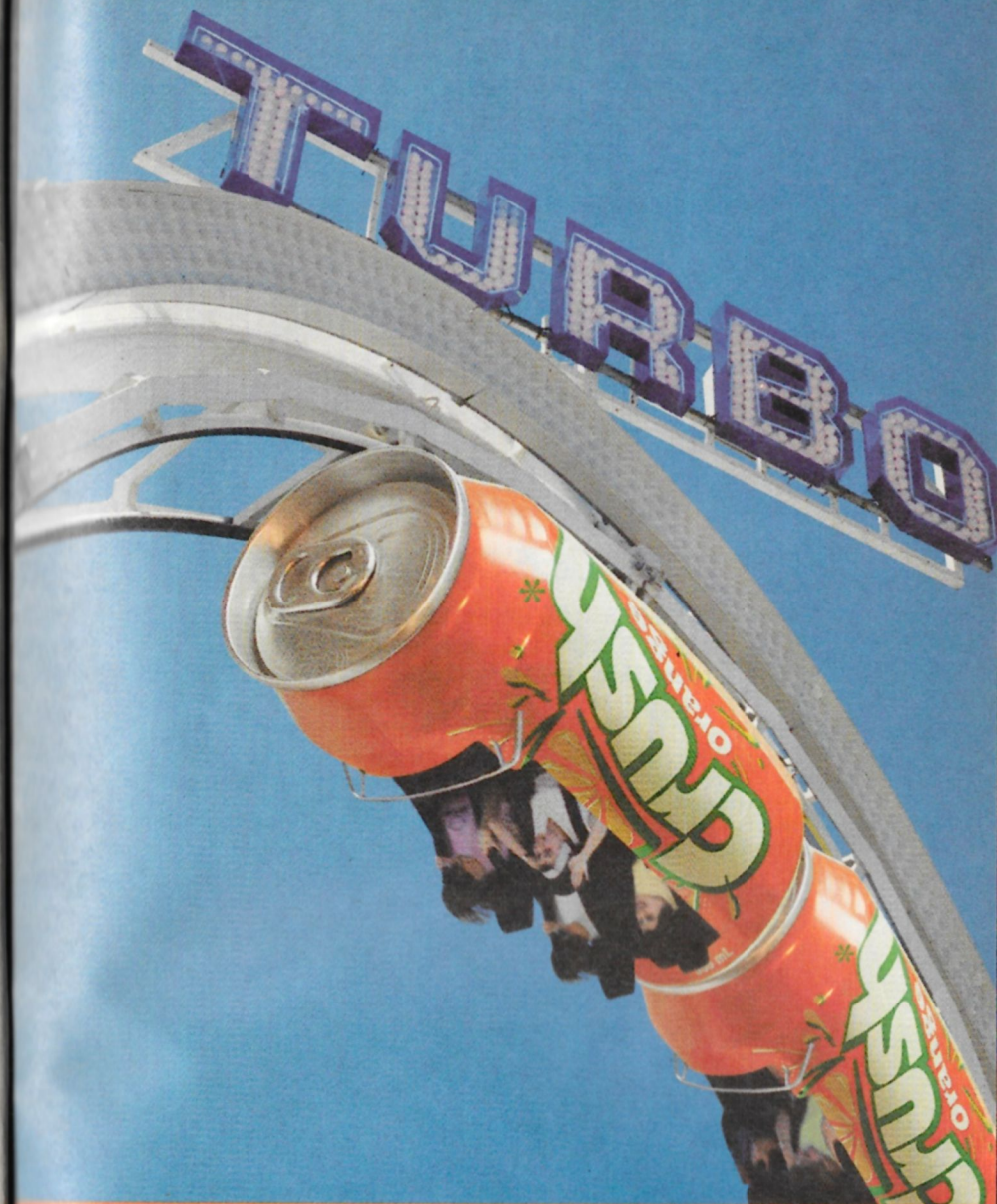
Since the symptoms most often associated with polio are flu-like, most cases are treated with antibiotics to cure the infections, Tylenol or Advil to ease any pain, and plenty of rest. Hospitalization may be necessary in more severe cases.

PREVENTION

The most common preventative measure for polio is a vaccination. So the next time you have to go to the doctor for a shot, don't grumble. Just remember that one little needle could be saving you from a horrible disease, and walk out with a smile!



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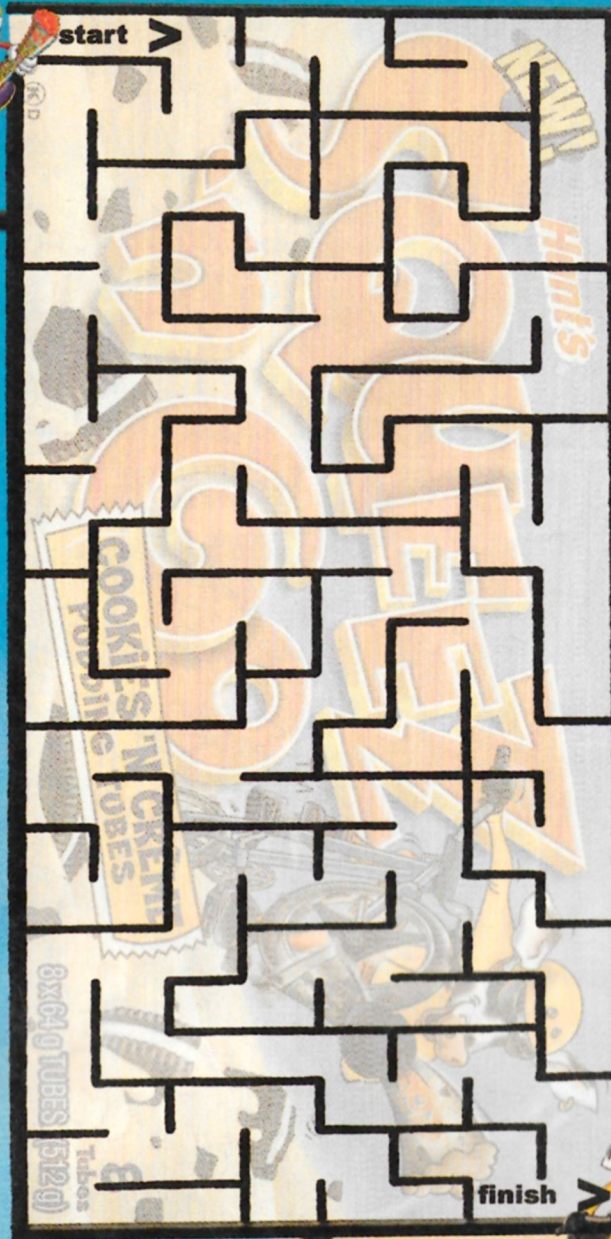
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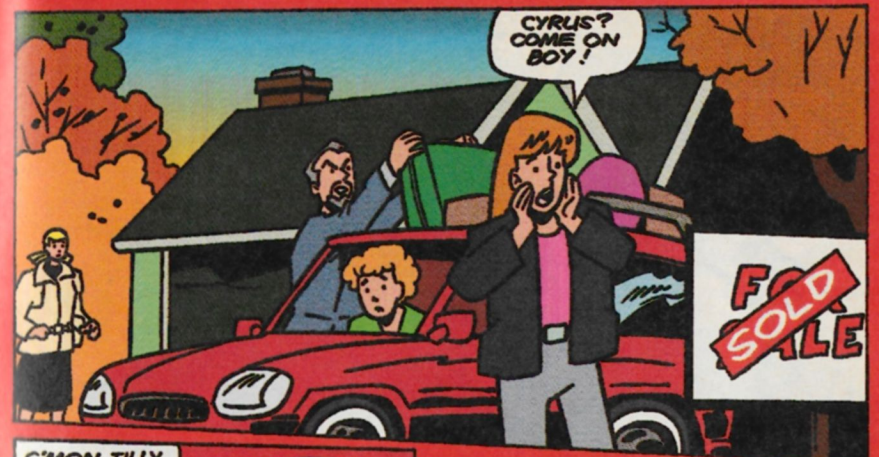
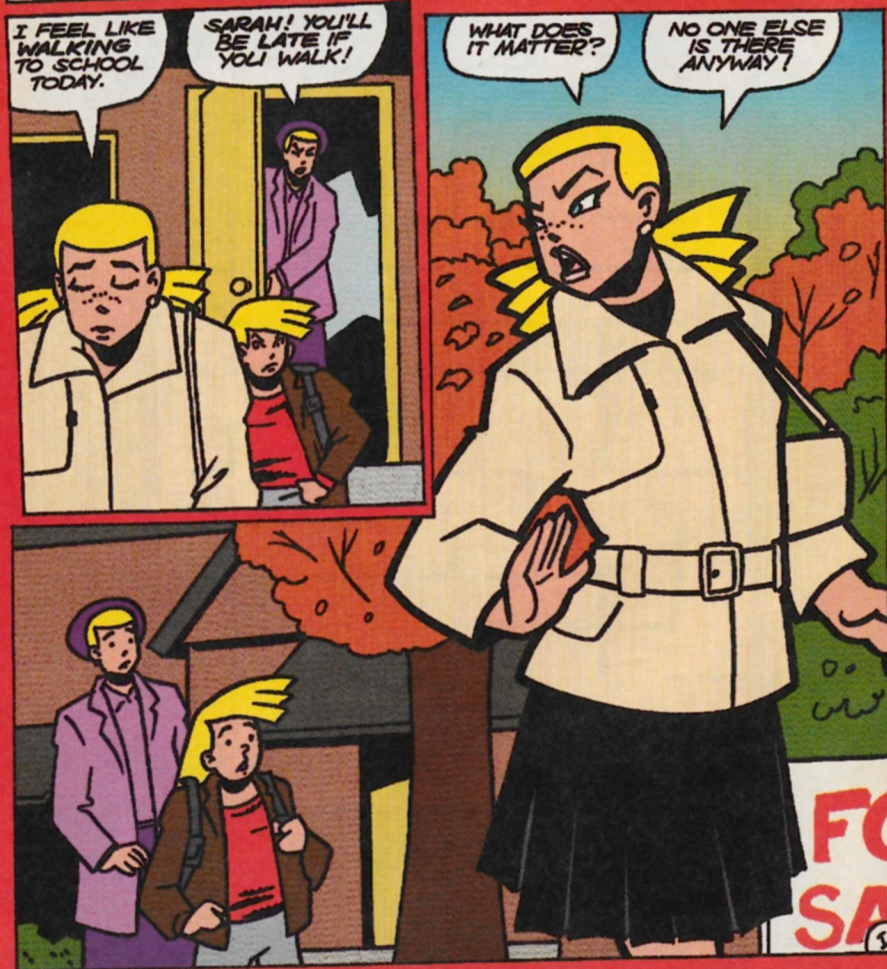


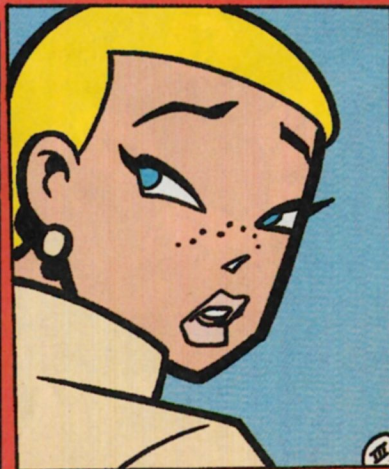
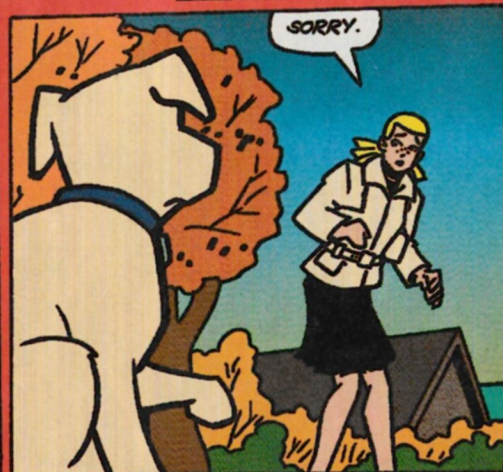
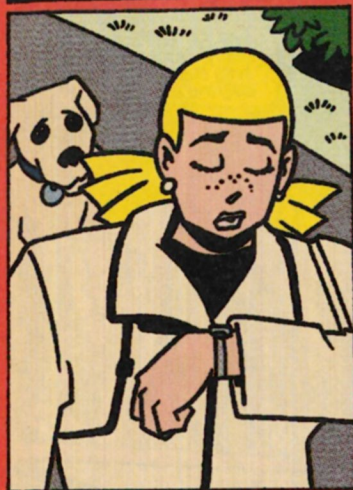
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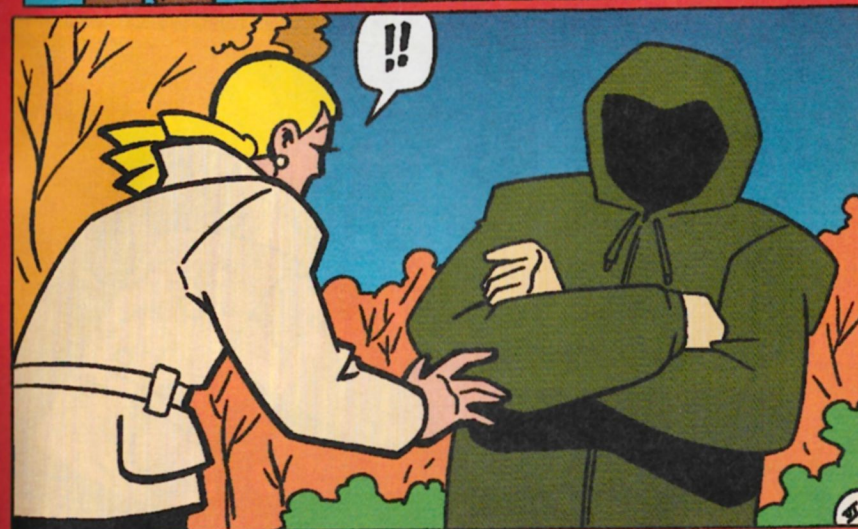
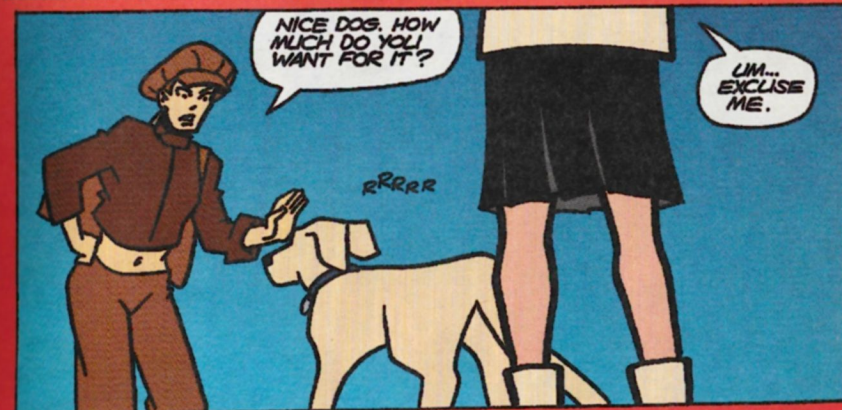
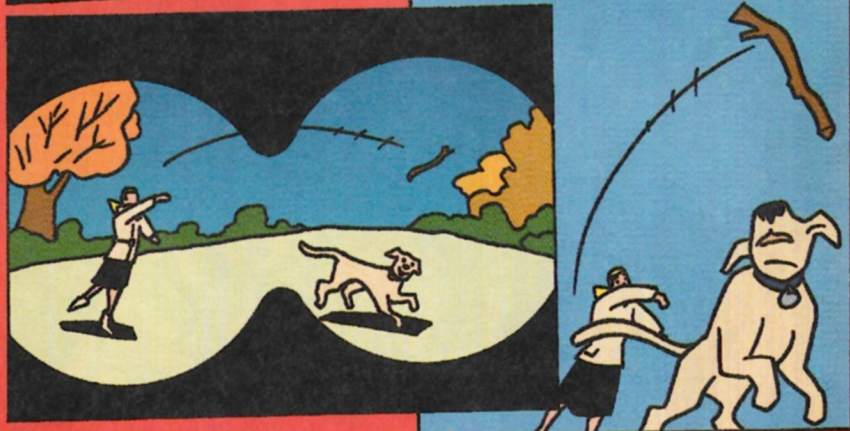


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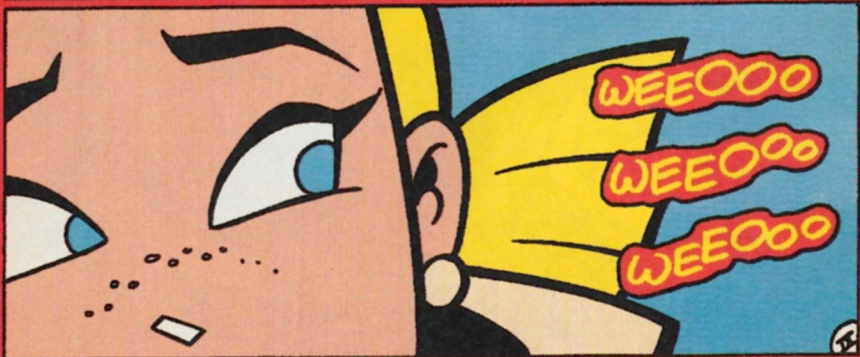
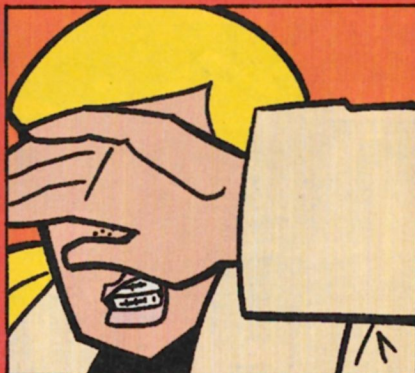














CAPRICORN (DEC. 22 - JAN. 19)



Santa Claus: You'll shoot your eye out, kid.

-A CHRISTMAS STORY (1983)

PISCES (FEB. 19 - MARCH 20)



Mr. Gibbs: Then, on the fourth day, he roped himself a couple of sea turtles and made a raft.

Will Turner: He roped himself a couple of sea turtles.

Mr. Gibbs: Aye, Sea turtles.

Will Turner: What did he use for rope?

Jack Sparrow: [from beside the] Human hair. [pause] From my back.

-PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: THE CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL (2003)

TAURUS (APRIL 20 - MAY 20)



Ron Weasley: "You'll pay for that one, Malfoy! Eat slugs!"

-HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS (2002)

CANCER (JUNE 21 - JULY 22)



Stan: But this is going to be the best movie ever! It's a foreign film from Canada

-SOUTH PARK: BIGGER, LONGER AND UNCUT (1999)

VIRGO (AUG. 23 - SEPT. 22)



Jimmy Smith Jr.: Do you ever wonder at what point you got to stop living up here and start living down here?

-8 MILE (2002)

SCORPIO (OCT. 23 - NOV. 21)



SpongeBob: Am I a pretty girl?

-SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (1999)

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20 - FEB. 18)



Michelle: Wow, Steve Stifler just gave a rose to a girl and meant it! It's like, monkeys learning to use tools for the first time!

-AMERICAN WEDDING (2003)

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 19)



Joey: Sup? Sup, dude?

-FRIENDS (1994)

GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUNE 20)



Xander Harris: "Can I just say, this is the best pizza on God's green earth, what is your secret?"

-BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER - "Ted"

LEO (JULY 23 - AUG. 22)



Hyde: School spirit is for losers man. You're just like floating along on the conveyer belt of conformity... pep rallies, extra curricular activities, washing your hair... It's all just a trap, man.

-THAT 70s SHOW (1998)

LIBRA (SEPT. 23 - OCT. 22)



Teacher: Now kids, Malcolm may not look different from the rest of us, but he is. In his brain.

-MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE (2000)

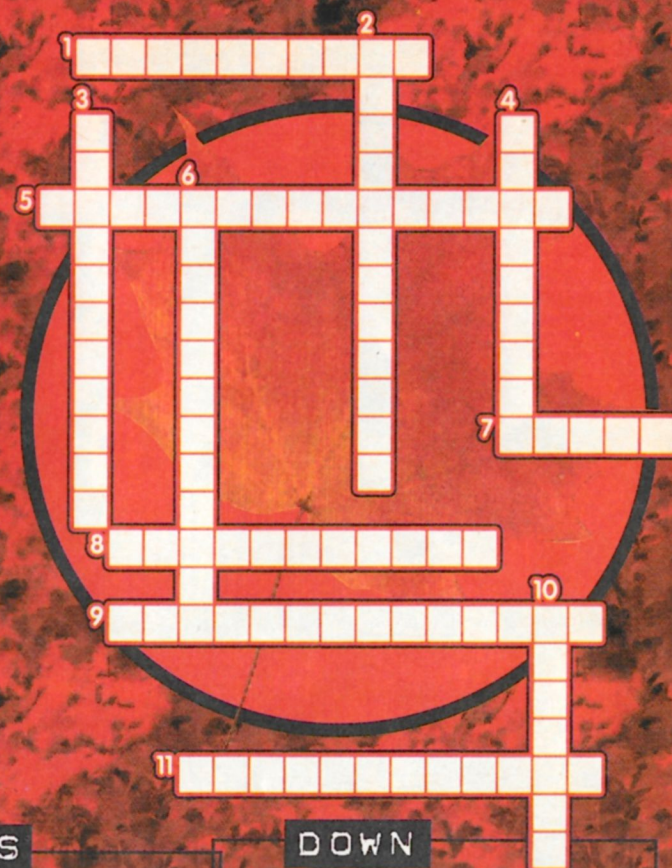
SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22 - DEC. 21)



Ralph Wiggum: My cat's breath smells like cat food

-THE SIMPSONS (1989)

MAT GROENING



ACROSS

- 1) Montreal Punks.
- 5) Don't be fooled by their name, they're not ladies.
- 7) They've lent their voice to skater punks on an upcoming episode of KING OF THE HILL.
- 8) Don't walk away Eileen!
- 9) These Van City emcees are good buddies with Nelly Furtado.
- 11) She doesn't need to read Shakespeare.

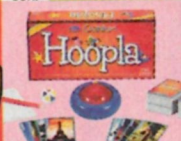
DOWN

- 2) She is a skater girl!
- 3) Her career has been looking "Up!Up!Up!"
- 4) They named their band after a green, leafy side dish.
- 6) She recently gave birth to her first child and has a new album in the oven.
- 10) Red1, Fit and DJ Kemo are?

CANADA

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CLUELESS?
CHECK OUT NEXT
MONTH'S ISSUE
FOR THE ANSWERS!

1 SAT. HAPPY 3RD BIRTHDAY TO THE MAG NFA! 	2 SUN. 2 DAYS UNTIL THE MATRIX REVOLUTIONS HITS THEATRES! 	3 MON. FINDING NEMO DVD HITS STORES TOMORROW! 	4 TUES. NO DOUBT - THE SINGLES COLLECTION IN STORES TODAY! 	5 WED. JOHN MAYER PERFORMS TONIGHT AT THE ACC IN T.O. 
6 THURS. LEGALLY BLONDE 2 DVD AVAILABLE NOW! 	7 FRI. WILL FARRELL STARS IN ELFI IN THEATRES TODAY! 	8 SAT. OZZY'S ONLY SON JACK OSBOURNE, TURNS 18 TODAY! 	9 SUN. PINK RELEASES HER THIRD CD, TRY THIS IN 2 DAYS! 	10 MON. UPTOWN GIRL BRITTANY MURPHY TURNS 26 TODAY! 
11 TUES. REMEMBRANCE DAY! TAKE A MOMENT TO REMEMBER. 	12 WED. LAUGH OUT LOUD WITH THE DUMB AND DUMBER DVD OUT NOW! 	13 THURS. CELEBRATE THE MAG'S 3RD BIRTHDAY WITH A SUBSCRIPTION 	14 FRI. LOONEY TUNES: BACK IN ACTIONS IN THEATRES TODAY! 	15 SAT. MICHAEL GUBLE TONIGHT AT THE ROY THOMPSON HALL IN T.O. 
16 SUN. TWO MORE DAYS UNTIL FEFÉ DOBSON'S DEBUT CD HITS STORES! 	17 MON. NEW BRITNEY SPEARS CD IN THE ZONE HITS STORES TOMORROW! 	18 TUES. BLINK-182 RELEASES THEIR NEW CD TODAY! 	19 WED. CATCH THE ATARS TONIGHT AT THE KOOL HAUS IN T.O. 	20 THURS. LOTR: THE TWO TOWERS PLATINUM SERIES EXTENDED EDITION DVD 
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When you think of a wetland, probably lots of water and plants come to mind. The wetlands are alive with the sounds of ducks, frogs and insects! But what happens to all of the wetland wildlife during the winter? As autumn gets colder and begins to give way to winter what do all the wetland animals do during Canada's long, cold winter?



MOVING OUT!

Rather than stick around, many species (especially birds) move, or migrate, to more suitable habitats for the winter. Different species migrate to different places, but they all go for the same reason - to enjoy the food and habitat that they can't get in cold winter climates. Geese, for instance, fly south to different areas in the United States, while the monarch migrates all the way to the Gulf of Mexico!

CATCHING SOME Z'S...

A few critters sleep right through the winter! By lowering their body temperature and slowing down their body functions, these animals save the precious energy needed to survive. These animals enter a sleep-like state, called hibernation, which lasts for the whole winter. Ground squirrels, frogs, toads, salamanders and snakes are some examples of the types of hibernating animals that can be found in wetlands.

K-K-KEEPING WARM...

While their friends move away or fall asleep for the winter, some animals choose to brave the cold conditions. They survive by gathering stores of food, changing their diets to suit winter food sources and seeking shelter. Some grow extra feathers or fur to keep warm, and still others produce a natural "anti-freeze" that lets them survive in the cold!



These are just some of the interesting facts on wetland wildlife in winter! While you keep warm inside this winter, think of the wetland wildlife and how they are coping with the cold, whether they've migrated, hibernated, or chosen to tough it out. To learn more about wetlands in winter, contact Ducks Unlimited Canada through our Webfoot email service at webfoot@ducks.ca



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NAME ONE SONG YOU WISH WOULD JUST GO AWAY.

Do you have a **PET**?

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What part of **THE MAGAZINE NFA** do you find boring?

What part of **THE MAGAZINE NFA** do you find the most interesting?

What is your **FAVOURITE** type of music?

☐ HIP-HOP/R&B

☐ ROCK/PUNK

☐ POP/DANCE

☐ COUNTRY

☐ CLASSICS

OTHER: _____

If you celebrate Christmas, what would you like Santa to bring you? _____

What **MEDICAL** topic would you like to know more about?



If there were only one snack left on Earth,
which would you want it to be?

- ☐ CHOCOLATE ☐ COOKIES ☐ CHIPS
☐ PRETZELS ☐ CHEEZIES ☐ POP CORN
☐ ICE CREAM OTHER: _____

On average, how many times a day do you really brush your teeth?

- ☐ NONE ☐ ONCE ☐ TWICE ☐ THREE OR MORE

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- ☐ YES ☐ NO

What makes **CANADA** different from other countries?

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what should it be about?

- ☐ MUSIC ☐ MOVIES ☐ VIDEO GAMES
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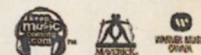
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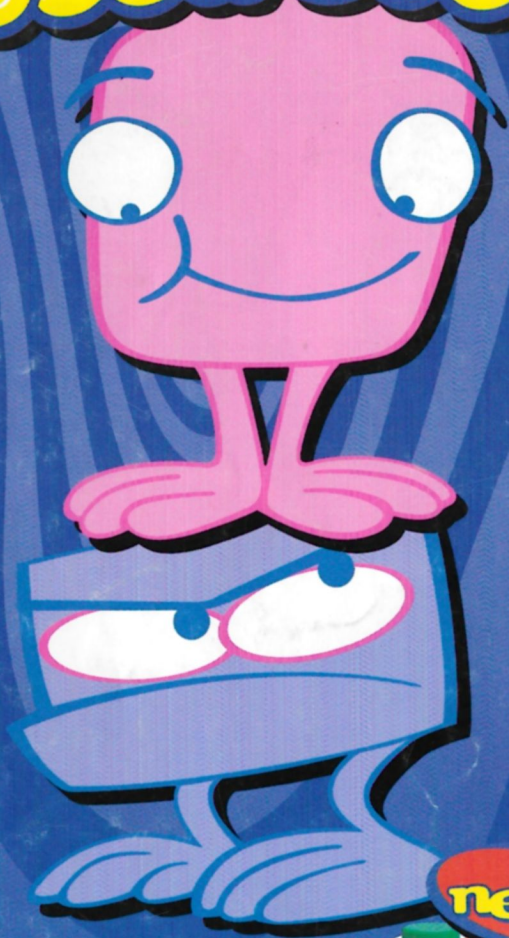


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